

E. L. SMITH EDWARDS 1 IN FOR 12,500 BARRELS

Pure Oil Company's Bounds 1 Comes In This Afternoon

TWO GUSHERS IN ALREADY THIS WEEK IN NEW OIL FIELD

The Pure Oil Company's Bounds 1, west of the X-All highway and just across that road from the famous Simmons lease, came in early this afternoon as the tenth gusher for the month old Wortham oil field.

This well has been ready for several days to be brought in but was held back by the freeze. Work was begun on bringing it in this morning and it was known to be good for large production. A gauge had not been made of the latest addition but it is believed to be equally as good as the other producers in that territory which have been coming in right along for from 8,000 to 11,000 barrels.

This is the furthest west well, with the exception of the Humphreys Lloyd N. B. Boyd discovery well and is on a line with it and the Simmons lease.

The company has several other operations rapidly going down today and the coming in of this gusher, though expected has given that particular territory greater encouragement than ever.

This is the second well brought in this week, both of which have come within the last 24 hours.

FARMERS GAS COMPANY TAKES OVER OLD MEXIA GAS COMPANY BUSINESS

The Farmers Gas Company, a subsidiary to the Lone Star Gas Company, has taken over the business and franchise of the Mexia gas company, according to an agreement recently entered into. The company took hold of the service, it is understood, just recently and gave a service to the city through the cold spell which was appreciated by all patrons here.

\$50,000 HOTEL OPENS AT COOLIDGE SOON

But few towns the size of Coolidge can boast of a \$50,000 hotel, such as is nearing completion at that place. The furniture has been ordered and one car load had already arrived.

R. T. Bell is building the hotel; it is located near the new T. & B. V. station and is quite an addition to this progressive little town.

Grand Jury To Probe Accident Bringing Death

[By United Press] CHIPPewa FALLS, Wis., Dec. 22.—A grand jury investigation may be held to place the blame for the Soo lane wreck here Saturday in which eight persons were killed and seven hurt, Harold E. Stafford, district attorney, indicated today.

Stafford is pushing an independent investigation to determine what caused the switch lock on the bridge here to be—and result in the combination dining and chair car falling from the bridge into the icy waters of Chippewa River.

The switch, according to Stafford, was placed there just two days before the wreck. Wheels of the train battered the switch knife before the point threw the rear trucks of the diner off on a side track and caused the wreck. Whether the switch did not close properly and the trucks of the train caused the tie bolt to break, or whether the tie bolt was weakened by the strain, or snapped by the intense cold of the last several days has not been determined. The tie bolt was broken, however, and Stafford indicated it may have been the result of improper installation.

Bodies of the eight dead are being shipped away today for funerals. Relatives and friends claimed them as soon as identification was established.

Railroad officials worked all day Sunday supervising the removal of the car from the river. The car fell sixty feet and was almost completely submerged in the water, fringed with ice.

MEXIA STUDENT AT CASTLE HEIGHTS GIVEN PLACE ON MYTHICAL ALL SOUTHERN SCHOLASTIC ELEVEN

Watkins Leases Second Story of Oates Building

Attorney Owen F. Watkins has leased the second story of the Dr. T. P. Oates brick building on Commerce and will move his law offices into a suite of rooms in the new location during the present week. He has maintained a suite of offices in the Schulz building, which is one block west of the new location, during the present year. There will likely be other changes in location of not only office quarters but in mercantile stocks around the first of January, as usual.

WESTERN UNION BUSINESS GOES TO BOOM DAYS OF '21 MARK

Mr. Gammons, Western Union local manager, has been called out of the city and Miss Lillian Wallace is now acting manager.

Miss Wallace is fully capable of handling the situation, having been a member of the force in the boom days of 1921-22 and been connected with the office ever since. To handle the growing volume of Western Union business, 16 employees are now on the pay roll here and it is believed that additions will yet have to be made, if the increase continues as great the next two weeks as it has in the past few days.

The company's service has met with general praise and it is commonly asserted that no more courteous and capable set of employees can be found anywhere than right here in Mexia.

The business increased last Friday to about the amount of the old boom days, according to the records of W. B. Wingo, District Manager, who divides his time pretty well between Mexia and Wortham. Despite the wires which were down in many parts of the United States during the recent cold spell, the service in and out of here was good, the wires from here being in first class shape.

New Electric Power Bloc Is Foreseen

United Press Staff Correspondent. WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—A new electric power "bloc" with visions of the day when the United States will be supplied with Government electricity for operating all its factories, railroads and home utilities has been formed in Congress.

Ultimately its members hope to have a web of Government electric lines that will reach into every city and town in the country. The use of coal would be supplanted by electricity from rushing streams, harnessed by Federal funds.

Just now they want to put thru this session of Congress the Norris bill for the Government operation of Muscle Shoals, the big Boulder canyon project in Arizona and the Great Falls power project on the Potomac. These three projects form the basis of the movement. If they can be adopted, twenty States will be supplied with Government power. Muscle Shoals will spread its electrical tentacles through Tennessee, Alabama, Kentucky, Mississippi, Georgia, the Carolinas and Florida and perhaps St. Louis. The Boulder canyon would benefit California, New Mexico, Arizona, Nevada, Utah, Colorado and perhaps Western Texas. Great Falls would supply Virginia, Maryland, Pennsylvania and even some of West Virginia.

The bloc moved its activities today from the floor of the Senate where it has been fighting against the Underwood bill to the Senate Irrigation and Reclamation Committee where hearings are being opened on the Boulder canyon project.

BIG FIRE LOSS SUSTAINED BY COMMUNITIES IN ARKANSAS

[By United Press] LITTLE ROCK, Dec. 22.—Property damages estimated at \$208,000 was caused by a series of fires in Little Rock and smaller Arkansas towns last night and today. At Womble a stove in the guest room of the hotel started a blaze that razed the entire block with a loss of \$50,000. Fire threatening to wipe out Stuttgart was brought under control after a damage of \$150,000. Fires in the residential district here caused \$15,000 damage.

THE WEATHER.

Texas—Cloudy, rain and warmer.

Pittsburgh School Building Burned Down This Morn.

[By United Press] PITTSBURGH, Texas, Dec. 22.—The Pittsburgh public school building was destroyed by fire shortly after midnight. Loss is estimated at \$75,000. The city recently voted \$55,000 for an annex.

Lamb Realty Co. To Occupy New Quarters Soon

De Witt Lamb, who recently severed his connections with the American Printing Company to engage in the realty and insurance business, has obtained office quarters in the Dr. T. P. Oates building, second floor, and will occupy his new quarters during the present week. Mr. Lamb will likely continue as secretary of the Mexia Manufacturers & Jobbers Association and maintain headquarters for the Association at his new office.

Six Die In Cold Wave In Ohio

[By United Press] COLUMBUS, Ohio, Dec. 22.—Six were killed and scores injured as the result of the cold wave in Ohio over the week end. Three perished in Columbus from carbon fumes in an attempt to shut out the cold. Two were killed in Cleveland traffic accidents and a boy was killed sliding off a roof in Toledo.

Tooth Ache Was His "Alibi"

[By United Press] DALLAS, Dec. 22.—"You are charged with making a left hand turn on a corner where such is prohibited by law," the Corporation court judge told a man in court here recently.

"What have you to say?" "Well," said the defendant, "I had a toothache and couldn't wait to go to a left hand turn corner three blocks away. I had to get a dentist or go blind."

"How's the tooth today?" "Pretty well, thank you, how's yours?"

The alibi was "too good" and the judge forthwith dismissed the case.

MONTREAL, Que., Dec. 22.—Sunday in Montreal was the coldest Dec. 21, in several years, the mercury dropping to 17 below in the city. In outlying districts the temperature dropped as low as 27. During the night snow began falling and the temperature rose to around zero.

REAR WALL OF POST OFFICE ANNEX FALLS IN SUNDAY

Sunday afternoon, the rear brick wall of the "annex" to the Post Office building here collapsed. The addition, in the rear of the Post Office, was used for the rural route carriers. Fortunately they were all out at the time, otherwise injuries would have been experienced by them.

As a result, their desks were moved this morning to the lobby which is crowded with the usual patrons, augmented by hundreds daily who are sending out Christmas gifts.

This presents a confused scene and postal employees are laboring under tremendous handicaps and dangers.

Dallas Grocer Is Killed When Car Is Hit by Train

[By United Press] DALLAS, Texas, Dec. 22.—Henry Boedeker, Dallas grocer, was instantly killed when a train struck his auto at a grade crossing today. A negro riding with him, was perhaps fatally injured.

U. S. MAIL FLIER'S BODY IS FOUND EAST OF DE BALK

[By United Press] DEKALB, Ill., Dec. 22.—The body of Charles Gilbert, air mail flier missing since last night, was found twenty miles east of here, according to reports to the telephone office here, several hundred yards from the demolished plane which was hunted by lantern light all night. Indications are that Gilbert lost control of the plane while 100 feet in the air. Seriously injured cold and exposure caused his death, it is believed. He apparently tried to make his way to a farm house, but was unable to resist the paralyzing cold.

BANDIT'S BLOW UP PANHANDLE P. O. SAFE

[By United Press] PANHANDLE, Texas, Dec. 22.—Bandits blew the safe in the post office here this morning, escaping with \$400 in money and stamps. A posse was organized and is in pursuit.

Fields to Return To Normalcy By Tuesday Night

The thawing of ice had hardly begun Sunday afternoon when the traffic again started pouring to the Wortham oil field operations. While the weather man had greatly hampered field activity and traffic, the railroads kept on a bringing in more cars loaded with material and equipment. The lull of the three days in the operations saw much of the material needed in the field arrive both at Mexia and at Wortham.

No improvement is noted in the water situation, as the slight snow and sleet disappeared either in the ground or in the air by Monday morning. Many water lines had been broken in the freeze and the first trucks to go out of here were loaded with water lines to be used in the repairs.

By Tuesday night, the fields are expected to have returned to normalcy.

The weather man promises rain. OTTAWA, Ontario.—Canada has made rapid strides in recent years in wool production, largely a result of government grading, both the Federal and Provincial Government being active in the promotion of this industry.

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Four Injured In Tulsa Street Car Collision Today

[International News Service] TULSA, Okla., Dec. 22.—Four were seriously injured in a head on collision between two street cars here today. An unidentified woman had her leg almost severed. The accident was caused by slippery rails. One car was going down hill and unable to stop, crashed into the other.

Mrs. E. L. Smith and Mrs. W. K. Boyd and children left Sunday for Terrell where they will spend the holidays with their parents.

Fur Store Looted And Loses \$100,000

[By United Press] CHICAGO, Dec. 22.—The Nathan Teitelbaum fur store was looted of furs valued at \$100,000 at midnight by robbers who chopped their way through the wood and cement floor to enter the vaults without ringing the burglar alarm.

County Paid For Coffee Urn

[By United Press] EL PASO, Dec. 20.—A coffee urn is no different than a typewriter, ruled county attorney Will Pelphrey here recently when a bill for a new urn recently installed in the jail was presented to the county commissioners. Pelphrey maintained the sheriff should pay for the coffee brewer which replaces one worn out, from his fees.

"I had to buy new typewriter, ribbons not long ago from my fees and a coffee urn is no different than a typewriter," the attorney argued. Commissioners reversed his decision, however, and paid the bill.

TWINS AND TRIPLETS.

[By United Press] AUSTIN, Dec. 20.—At least 500 sets of twins and fully a dozen sets of triplets are listed in the birth records for this year, according to state offices.

During the first six months of the year Dallas led with 30 sets of twins and El Paso ranged second with 19 double tracks.

New Freight Rate Recommended By I. C. C. Examiner

[By United Press] WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—An adjustment of intrastate and interstate freight rates for the southwest by a national state agency of railroads was recommended today by a tentative report by W. A. Disque, Interstate Commerce Commission examiner, following an investigation of rates in that territory. As an instance of discrimination the reports points out the rate from Dallas to Macon, Ga., \$3.54 per hundred, Macon to Dallas \$2.37.

ANOTHER FREEZE TO HIT OHIO AND SOUTH SECTIONS

[By United Press] WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—Another cold-wave, following on the heels of the mild spell due to bring relief from the freezing temperature, will hit the large region of Ohio Valley Tuesday and Wednesday, and sections south thereafter.

HUMBLE CASINGHEAD PLANT AT WORTHAM

The Humble Oil and Gas Company is to build a casing-head gas plant in the Wortham oil field, according to reports current here. The company has operated a successful plant in Powell field and a similar one is understood to be planned for the month old field.

EASTERN STAR MEETING TONIGHT

There will be a called meeting of Mexia Chapter No. 57, Order Eastern Star, tonight at 7:30. There will be work in the degrees, a musical program and refreshments. Let every member come and help make this last meeting of the year 1924 an enjoyable and profitable one. Visitors are always welcome. MRS. OSCAR DENNING, W. M.

Community Power And Light Gives Service To Area

The Community Power and Light Company, maintaining its Texas headquarters at Mexia, is supplying the Wortham oil field with its electric lights and electrical power. Through a contract with the Texas Power and Light Company, the latter built a line from Corsicana to the area for the Community, to augment its power generated in the Mexia plant.

DUNCAN AND MITCHELL TO PLAY IN FAR WEST

[International News Service] LOS ANGELES, Dec. 22.—George Duncan and Abe Mitchell, famous British professional golfers, will play thirty-six holes at Rancho course here December 28. This is the first time the Englishmen have visited the Pacific Coast. Mitchell is recognized as the longest driver in the world.

DEAD AMERICAN FOUND

[By United Press] PARIS, Dec. 19.—The Apache quarter of Paris gave up the dismembered trunk of a man believed to be an American. Wrapped in a copy of a French newspaper published in San Francisco was the trunk of a blond foreigner. It was found by a night watchman. Some distance away, similarly wrapped, were other parts of the body found. The head was missing. The cutting was done by experts, authorities said.

COMPANY TAKES SECOND PLACE IN DAILY YIELD

The E. L. Smith Oil Company's Edwards 1 came in Sunday evening about 6:30 making 12,500 barrels daily. In the first hour, by actual gauge test it made slightly above 500 barrels.

The well had been due in since last Friday morning, but on account of the freeze which caused a gas shortage, the well could not be swabbed in, as planned.

When the weather began to moderate about noon Sunday preparations were begun to complete the well, which is a south offset to the Penn McCorkle 1 in the east part of Wortham. Since drilled to production depths early last week the well had been trying to come in but was held back until preparations could be made complete. When one trip was made with the swab and then the production started.

By this addition to the production column, the E. L. Smith Oil Company takes rank as the second largest producer in the field, being exceeded now only by the Humphreys Boyd Oil Company.

The company started the week off last Monday by bringing in the Beall 1 North offset to the Kirby Bounds 1 for 5500 production. This well is now producing around 5,000 barrels daily, giving the company a daily yield of approximately 17,000 barrels of oil for which it is receiving \$1.25 per barrel. The company has two additional wells going down on the Edwards acreage and two on the Beall which should be completed weather permitting the latter part of this month or the early part of January.

In addition, it owns other promising leases in the Wortham district and royalty holdings on already producing property. A royalty interest is owned by the company on the famous Simmons block.

The coming in of the well as the first for the week was the signal for operations to start with full speed again following the freeze which had tied up most everything but producing wells since last Thursday night.

Today the race is on with renewed vigor and at least fifteen wells should be brought in before January 1. The cold snap has curtailed operations considerably. It was thought two weeks ago that the month would witness at least fifty completions in the new field and doubtless would have proven true had water been plentiful and the set back not been given by the freeze.

Mrs. Gompers May Contest Will Of Her Late Husband

[By United Press] WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—Mrs. Samuel Gompers will confer with her attorney here today to decide whether to contest the will of the late Samuel Gompers, which cut her off with "the minimum amount required by law."

Unable to understand the cancellation of a previous will which left her all his property and believing "unfair" pressure may have been brought on the veterans labor leader, according to Captain J. I. Peyser, her attorney, Mrs. Gompers will not sign the petition for probate of the document when other beneficiaries do today.

Gompers' estate, according to estimates of his friends, will not exceed \$30,000, of which \$10,000 in savings and \$20,000 his home here. Under the dower right which Gompers directed alone should be allowed his widow, Mrs. Gompers would receive from \$1,500 to \$5,000.

If Mrs. Gompers contests the will, the other beneficiaries, Samuel Gompers Jr., Henry and Alexander Gompers and Gompers' two grand children, are expected to fight her.

Mr. and Mrs. Wood Smith of Dallas have arrived to spend the holidays with their sons, E. L. and Earl Smith.

DEATH DEALT BY COLD WAVE IN MANY PARTS OF WORLD

[By United Press] DALLAS, Dec. 22.—North and Central Texas today had almost completely recovered from the worst December cold wave in years. Telephone and telegraph communications disrupted by last Thursday's blizzard, was restored and towns isolated were placed in touch with the outside world again.

NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—Four died and hospitals cared for scores of victims in the bitterest weather of the winter today. The cold wave, moving eastward from Texas, Oklahoma, Missouri, gripped the Atlantic seaboard Sunday. Terrible cold was experienced up-state.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Dec. 22.—More snow for the Southwest is predicted by local weather observers today.

The blanket of sleet and snow which now covers the territory will be added to by Tuesday or Wednesday, the report says.

Fears have been expressed for communication facilities which were paralyzed by the storm of last week.

Temperatures were slightly higher here today with clear skies.

AUSTIN, Texas, Dec. 22.—Clearing skies and rising temperatures brought relief to Central Texas today from the cold wave which struck here Thursday. Ice and snow which followed the storm disappeared with the rising mercury, which climbed to 35 late Sunday. Warmer weather was forecast for this section today.

PITTSBURGH, Pa., Dec. 22.—Samuel Ray Buchanan, 14, was holding to a Santa Fe freight train and skating on frozen snow along the track. His skate hit a tie and he was thrown head first under the train and killed.

NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—Three men died of cold here and another perished in Newark, while hospitals cared for a score of victims of the bitterest weather of the winter.

The cold wave that has been moving steadily eastward for several days, gripped the Atlantic seaboard Sunday and brought temperatures ranging 11 and 20 degrees.

Slowly moderating weather is forecast for the next two or three days. There was no snow in New York City. In fact, the official observer reported there were no cyclonic areas, or severe storms anywhere in the country.

Terrible cold was experienced up-state, however, the mercury falling to 31 degrees below zero. It was also bitterly cold in Vermont and New Hampshire, with temperature ranging as low as 30 below. It was 1 below in Boston Sunday.

The storm that has caused so much damage throughout the Middle West appeared to have spent its strength before reaching the seaboard.

Several early morning fires, forcing scantily clad families to the streets, entailed considerable suffering in Brooklyn. A fireman carried one family of four down an extension ladder when flames destroyed a Seventh Avenue tenement.

PITTSBURGH, Pa., Dec. 22.—After the coldest weather in twenty-five years over the week-end, the mercury rose gradually today and at 7 a. m. snow began falling.

The forecast for Western Pennsylvania was "snow and warmer", for today and tomorrow. One woman died as result of pouring oil on a coal fire.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—Though the cold wave hit Washington over the week-end, President Coolidge spent Saturday to Monday aboard the yacht Mayflower.

Accompanied by Mrs. Coolidge, his son John, and a party of guests, the President cruised down to Potomac to Quantico. Last night the yacht anchored off Washington as if those aboard might be considering coming ashore on account of the cold but the Mayflower did not put in at the Navy dock until this morning.

PARIS, Dec. 22.—Freezing cold kept Paris Communists orderly Sunday and 10,000 marched and sang the Internationale without disturbance. The cold also prevented counter demonstrations.

CHICAGO, Dec. 22.—After suffering from sub-zero temperatures for 48 hours, the Middle West was released.

Denatured Alcohol for your radiators at Anderson & Horn Drug Store.

John F. Klotz CIVIL ENGINEER Surveying and Mapping KLOTZ HARDWARE CO. Phone 337, Mexia, Texas.

Advent of Blizzard Halts Dairymen on Daily Rounds; Milk Some Delivered Froze, Requiring Thawing Out Bottles

Old Man Winter staged a surprise attack Friday morning on that most punctual and unwavering daily caller at the homes of Dallas citizens, the milkman, and as the result many a dish of the customary morning porridge was eaten without the usual portion of cream and many a cup of coffee was gulped black and steaming without the rich butter fat of the milk cow to take away the bitter tang of the coffee bean.

Altogether it was a hard morning for the milkman and in consequence a milkless, creamless breakfast for many of those thousands of folk whom he serves in Dallas. Slippery, ice-covered streets that made travel exceedingly difficult and a biting cold that benumbed physical movement and made motor delivery vehicles engines as balky and obstreperous as a hard-boiled male, were the weapons of Old Man Winter. The milkman sallied forth, determined and staunch in his duty to the still sleeping hordes of breakfasters, but his efforts progressed little farther than good intentions, so far as many of his customers were concerned. Old Man Winter had the laugh of the occasion and his smile was a cold and frosty glare when housewives, appearing hurriedly at back doors for the bottles of milk and cream, found only the empty bottles left out the night before.

In many cases where the milkman won out and succeeding in delivering the morning's portion of milk and cream, his trouble proved of little value. For during that period between his call and the stir of the housewife preparatory to breakfast, Jack Frost and his allies turned the gleaming white fluid in the bottles to crystals of ice which had to be thawed out before being available for use.

After all, though, Old Man Winter didn't do the milkman such a bad turn. He at least demonstrated how important the milkman is when it comes to starting the day off right.

ST. PAUL, Minn., Dec. 22.—Continued cold today and Tuesday is predicted.

It was 8 below zero here at 7 a. m. with a clear sky.

North Dakota points reported 12 to 18 degrees below zero and it was 16 below at Duluth. Extreme temperatures in Montana were tempered away today to 6 and 12 below.

BOSTON, Mass., Dec. 22.—Winter officially arrived in New England Sunday bringing temperatures from 25 below zero at Colebrook, N. H., to 10 above at New Haven, Conn.

The forecast for today was "fair" with slowly rising temperatures.

BASKETBALL TABS. (By United Press) FORT WORTH.—The St. John's basketball team, Dallas, beat Texas Christian University 15 to 13 here last night.

DALLAS.—Southern Methodist University cagers meet Howells' Boathaus here tonight.

News Classified Ads get results.

LOST.—Pointer puppy about 5 mos. old. Liver colored ears. One liver spot behind right shoulder. Few white hairs on right ear. Reward. Phone 55 or 360. 22X2

STORAGE.—We will store your furniture, large or small lots. Iron building, 100 E. Titus St. Dresser Storage. Phone 758. 22X2

FOR SALE, bargain, dresser rooms nicely furnished, a nice income, part cash, balance like rent, it will pay you to look it over, 108 E. Titus St., phone 758. 22X2

FOR SALE CHEAP, 1,500 bbl. steel tank, 1 Mad Hix steam pump, 1 6-46 steam pump, 3 small gas engines, 2 wagon tanks, Ed Dresser, 108 E. Titus St., phone 758. 22X1

AT THE OPERA HOUSE TODAY

STUART'S SCOTCH REVUE Scotland's Favorite Stars in a DANCING - SINGING AND MUSICAL COMEDY IN TWO ACTS —also— LUCILE SEAYMOUR'S Musical Revue Matinee 2:00—Night Shows at 6:00 and 8:30

SPORTS. J. A. Lawton was a visitor from Cisco Saturday. J. R. Stevens was here from San Antonio Saturday. TOKIO, Dec. 18.—Police today arrested Bunkai Akawa, a Japanese youth found armed with a knife prowling outside the window of the American embassy. Said he was mentally deranged. The Foreign office is investigating. DALLAS.—Clarence Ekland, Dallas, beat Ivan Pontonoff, Russian grappler, in two out of three falls here last night. News Classified Ads get results.

NOTICE Juniors, remember the Christmas tree Tuesday night at the First Baptist Church, 7:30. Come, bring your package. Harry A. Porter, D.C. CHIROPRACTOR Palmer Graduate 619 E. Commerce St. News Classified Ads get results.

Dr. W. D. Pittman OPTOMETRIST MEXIA, TEXAS Pittman Bldg. Room 205

READY FOR XMAS

COMPARE OUR PRICES—THEY HAVE NOT BEEN RAISED

- Saltine Crackers, pkg.....10c
- Carnation Milk10c
- Spuds, per lb.3c
- Prince Albert 2 for.....25c
- Nice Apples, dozen40c
- Raisins, pkg.15c
- Pork & Beans, Campbell's.....12c
- Matches5c
- BREAD8c

SEASONABLE ITEMS

- De Lux Fruit Cake
- New Crop Nuts, Cocoanuts,
- Cocoanut and Chocolate Extracts
- and Spices, Lemon and Orange Peel,
- Citron, Cherries and Pineapple,
- Oranges and Apples.
- BUY THEM BY THE BOX
- Fireworks - Fine Candies
- Cranberries

MAKE YOUR CHRISTMAS PRESENTS OF FOOD Always Appreciated! Always Appropriate We have beautiful, inexpensive Japanese fruit baskets. Come down, fill them with the finest of candies, fruits, nuts, and cakes; they make gifts that will be appreciated.

TIDWELL'S

"THE STORE WITH THE GOODS" Groceries - Meats - Dressed Poultry - Feed - and Coal!

Gifts That Show Thoughtfulness in Choosing

Just Two More Days 'til CHRISTMAS

- FOR HIM -Smokers -Humidors -Easy Chairs -Reading Lamps -Picture Frames for Your Portrait
- FOR HER -Sewing Cabinets -Cedar Chests -Floor Lamps -Pictures -Dining Room Suites -Rugs
- For the Children -Kitchen Table Sets -Jingle Cars -Small Rockers -Small Desks and Chairs

OUR STOCKS ARE STILL COMPLETE—MAKE YOUR SELECTION NOW! We Will Deliver Xmas Eve Day!

John R. Corley Co.

Retail Merchants Association Does Effective Service

E. L. Crow, Secretary of the Mexican Retail Merchants Association, states that the local business men comprising the membership are continuing their interest in the Association. At this time, it is pointed out that the Association is doing some of its best work. Credit ratings of new arrivals may be looked up easily, thus doing justice to all concerned.

But there is more to a retail Merchants Association than the credit information bureau. It is a help to the retailer in many other ways. It offers protection against all kinds of fake propositions which besiege a town during a boom era. There are 170 organizations of this kind in Texas, all affiliated in one big group, the information from one being available for the asking by all the others.

SURPRISE SHOWER FOR BRIDE TO BE

The beautiful new home of Mrs. E. L. Crow on Ross Avenue was the occasion recently of much merriment. On Tuesday night, December 10, Mrs. Crow, assisted by Mrs. Ralph Vanneman and Mrs. Roy Akin gave a surprise shower for Miss Zora Mae Brice, who on January 3rd is to become the bride of Mr. Van Lowerre. The home looked its best in the lovely decorations placed by the thoughtful hands and deft fingers of loving friends. The Christmas motif was used throughout, Santa Claus being in evidence everywhere. The guests began to arrive at 7:30. Little Mary Jane Crow delighted the guests with several readings in her own sweet way. The task to get Miss Brice out was on hand. So after a little work on the part of several of the ladies, Miss Brice was brought over and was delighted with the happy surprise when she stepped into the room crowded with guests who had gathered to honor her.

After a few minutes of delightful chatter, the door bell rang and on opening the door, in stepped Santa Claus loaded with a large pack full of gifts for the bride elect. After wishing each one a very Merry Christmas, Santa sped away. Much pleasure was derived from opening the packages. Santa did not forget that there were two little children in the house that night, a doll for Mary Jane Crow and a clown for Billy Frank Akin were found in the sack.

A delicious salad course served, consisting of chicken salad, olives, potato chips, sandwiches and coffee.

KNIGHTS TEMPLAR CHRISTMAS SERVICE

By order of the Grand Commander, Coeur de Lion Commandery, Knights Templar, will hold Christmas service at the hall Christmas morning at 11 o'clock, conducted by Sir Knights W. B. Andrews and E. H. Hudson. The service will be short and all will be able to get home before noon. At 10:30 the new officers elected for the coming year will be installed. Officers elect are urged to be present for the installation and other members at 11 o'clock. Visitors are always welcome.

J. D. ARRINGTON, E. C.

NEW S. P. STEAMSHIP IS READY FOR SERVICE.

The Southern Pacific new passenger steamship "Blonville" will make its maiden trip from New York to New Orleans January 3, leaving on the return for the northern port January 14. This new ship is the last word in completeness and will be one of the most comfortable vessels used in coastwise trade, according to local representatives.

C. L. Tatum, advertising manager for the Daily News, is laid up with an attack of appendicitis, and an operation may be necessary. His many friends hope for his speedy recovery.

R. J. Barry was here from Houston Monday.

EASY TO DARKEN YOUR GRAY HAIR

When you darken your hair with Sage Tea and Sulphur, no one can tell, because it's done so naturally, so evenly. Preparing this mixture though, at home is messy and troublesome. At little cost you can buy at any drug store the ready-to-use preparation, improved by the addition of other ingredients called "Wyeth's Sage and Sulphur Compound." You just dampen a sponge or soft brush with it and draw this through your hair, taking one small strand at a time. By morning all gray hair disappears, and, after another application or two your hair becomes thickly darkened, glossy and luxuriant.

Gray, faded hair, though no disgrace, is a sign of old age, and as we all desire a youthful and attractive appearance, get busy at once with Wyeth's Sage and Sulphur Compound and look years younger.



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LOCALS

Henry Miles was here from Big Lake today.

R. H. Johnston was here from Dallas on business today.

F. L. White was here from Dallas today.

Hul Hughes was a visitor from Electra Monday.

E. A. Watts was here Monday from Waco.

G. C. Matheny was here from Conroe.

R. L. Richards was here from Dallas Sunday.

Jno. D. White was a week-end visitor from Burkburnett.

Hutt Reed was here from Beaumont Sunday.

O. F. Ackley was a week-end visitor from Dallas.

W. Nichols is here today from Wichita Falls on business.

J. R. Diamond was a visitor from Corsicana today.

Gibson Hagood was here Monday from Waxahachie.

Mrs. Kneigh De Long of Houston is visiting in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Ellington.

Miss Dark Kazilla of the McKinney School faculty has gone to her home at Milford for the Christmas season.

Miss Jewell Thigpen, one of the teachers at the McKinney Street School, has gone to Huntsville to spend the holidays with her parents.

Walter Vickers, brother of Frank Vickers, is reported better after having suffered seriously from a bleeding nose.

Mandle Cling, formerly of Mexia but now a resident of Cleburne, arrived Saturday to spend the Christmas holidays here.

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Hon. Clyde A. Sweetin of Houston, after attending the celebration at Groesbeck last week, spent Saturday night and Sunday in Mexia.

The Prairie Pipe line building on East Main street next door to the First Christian church has been rented by Mr. and Mrs. Denton.

The First Presbyterian Sunday School will have a Christmas tree Wednesday evening at 7 o'clock at the church.

Today is the shortest day in the year. From now on until June 22 the days will gradually lengthen, when they will begin to shorten again.

A partition has been put in the First Presbyterian church that adds much to its looks and comfort during the cold weather just now beginning.

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The two cottages on East Main Street being built by Mrs. T. A. Kindred are rapidly being completed and will soon be ready for occupancy. Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Haines and family will reside in one of them and Mr. and Mrs. Henning the other.

It is an ill wind that blows no one good. The late freeze will make lots of work for plumbers and garage men. Lots of folks failed to cut off the water in time to save their pipes, while many autos probably froze up and maybe there are some bursted jackets to be welded.

Hon. Luther A. Johnson, congressman from this district, has been called to his home in Corsicana, on account of the serious illness of his father. He was due to arrive there this morning. His many friends here hope that his father will soon be on the road to recovery. Congressman Johnson is very popular with his colleagues in Washington.

Miss Mozelle Wildman arrived from Arizona Friday to spend the holidays with her father, Frank Wildman, the furniture dealer on Palestine street. Mrs. Wildman and Miss Ouida arrived several days ago.

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from Hollywood, leaving Miss Mozelle in Arizona for a few days visit with friends. The Wildmans have many friends in Mexia who are glad to see them again.

KLANSMEN NOTICE.

Klan No. 47, Realm of Texas, meets tonight at the Klan Hall. All visiting Klansmen in the city are

given a cordial invitation to attend. Regular members urged to be present at this, the last meeting before Christmas. Only one other meeting this year, Monday, December 29th. A warm hall and an interesting program.

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DEVELOPMENT OF CLINIC SERVICE

The growth of the clinical idea in the country in the last twenty years has been remarkable. General clinics for all kinds of ailments are maintained in every important city in the United States where charity work is done, and where people of moderate means go for examinations and service. Literally millions are ministered unto in America for every kind of known disease.

Taylor's Clinic in Dallas, in connection with the Taylor College of Medicine and Hospital has grown from a staff of 3 physicians in 1909, the date of its establishment, to a staff of 50 physicians, among them the most widely known men of the profession in Dallas. In the first year of its work only several hundred attended the openings for patients, but in 1923-24 the Clinic treated 20,000 patients. The year 1924-25 will total 30,000 patients treated. In the current year 3,948 patients were treated for general medical conditions; Ear, Eye, Nose and Throat patients totaled 3,876; Surgical 2,912; Genito-Urinary 2,389; Gynecology 1,945; Dermatology 1,709; Podiatry 1,360; Obstetrics 548; Mental and Nervous 411; Dental, not including those treated in Dental College, Infirmary, 77; Orthopedics 46; totaling in all 19,224 cases.

In 1920-21 the patients numbered 11,111; in 1921-22, 12,320; in 1922-23, 15,991; in 1923-24, 19,224, with a prospect of 30,000 for the current year showing, in no manner way, the steady development that has come thru this agency. Many people who would otherwise go neglected are treated and life saved or prolonged.

Social Welfare work is maintained in connection with the Clinic, and a great service has been rendered to the needy by the workers in this department who see into the needs of the distressed and who have avenues thru which service may be rendered to those who need help. Many babies are placed in homes, many hungry people helped toward independence and to many the Way of Life is pointed through Christ.

The Clinic has many cases like the following each year, in which a small boy, of poor parents, had a disease that centered in the bone of the heel. The bone was completely eaten away and the boy was a cripple, apparently, for life. But in Taylor's Clinic an operation was performed and the little fellow of 5 years will soon walk; then follow the plow beside his father, and later become a Rural Citizen instead of a cripple for life and a burden.

Don't forget to put something on the Salvation Army Christmas tree at the Central Presbyterian church Christmas night.

The gift barrels by the kettles watched by the Salvation Army are receiving many nice gifts, some of which are second hand but they will gladden somebody's heart. If you have anything in the way of used clothing or toys, drop them in there and they will be put to a mighty good service right here in Mexia.

THE EDITORIAL OF THE DAY

(Tongue News)

Our experience is that a fellow has to go to church mighty early if he calculates on occupying a back seat.

Charlie Chaplin's latest wife must be more than 11 years of age. She couldn't get that ugly in fourteen short years.

Lives of tobacco chawers all reminds us.

That our aim is very poor. And, departing, leave behind us. Large brown stains upon the floor.

—SHAKESPEARE.

A Chicago professor comes forward with the interesting statement that every citizen should know something of the Greek tragedies. As

evidence that great men's minds run in the same channel, the historical editor of The News was just fixing to sit down, take his pen in hand and suggest to News readers that they should by all means acquire a little knowledge of the Greek tragedies.

Jack Warren, Houston man, charged with arson and murder, was released upon a bond signed by Messrs. Canino, Vetrano, Ingrando and Ciulla, whose names can only be pronounced in connection with a sneeze and cough while trying to say a bad cuss word. The gentlemen, after considering the charges against the defendant, decided to have their names erased from the bond, and now Warren is again viewing the scenery through the lattice work.

DEEP TEST IN MILAM COUNTY

ROCKDALE, Texas, Dec. 22.—The Rockdale oil interest will divert its attention from the shallow field in the near future for the purpose of trying out a deep test on the Leonard Isaac farm, four miles due north of Rockdale, according to announcement of John E. Lee, who has associated with him in the deal prominent, outside oil interest; the location has already been made.

A heavy rotary rig and other necessary machinery is on the ground, and Lee and association are awaiting the arrival of derrick timbers for the erection of a 112-foot derrick. The timber is expected to arrive daily.

The contract is for a 3,000-foot test, and Lee expects to substitute heavy cable tool, when he strikes the chalk, which will probably be found at around 2,000 feet. Lee is sanguine that the deep pool will be found in close proximity to the present shallow production, and feels that his location is "right". The result of his test will be watched with interest, not only by local people, but the oil talent as a whole. It has been said that one of the largest independent operators in Texas is now negotiating for acreage in Milam county, situated north-east of Rockdale. He obligates himself to make a deep test immediately after first drilling some core test, ranging from 1,000 to 1,500 feet.

FREEZE TIES UP WELLS IN OLD PRODUCING AREA

During the recent freeze, the wells in the old Mexia field, on the pump, have been idle. They are again running in large numbers. The decrease in Central Texas production will be large in this week's report on account of these wells having to stop. The daily yield has been around 25,000 for the Mexia field and most of the several hundred wells contributing this amount have been idle since Friday, which will mean a decline of at least 60,000 barrels for the week.

GETS SHALLOW WELL

ROCKDALE, Texas, Dec. 22.—The latest from the oil fields is that the Watson well that came in the past week at a depth of 1,000 feet, is flowing 15 barrels per day and looks as though it will develop into a 25-barrel before many days. The well is situated two and one-half miles north of Rockdale, in the Cataul district.

C. P. Tindley is in Haskell, in West Texas, from which point he is sending many of his many friends cards bearing the season's joyous message.

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Resume Dancing January 26th

[By United Press] HOUSTON, Dec. 22.—Somebody tipped off the law and she had to stop doing the light fantastic.

Ruby McEllya, 14, pretty blonde dancer, is in Houston after somebody in San Antonio found she was under age for the stage and threatened to cause trouble.

"But I'm going back on the stage Jan. 26—I'll be 15 then—and I'd certainly like to see any old body stop me then," she says.

MUCH ILLNESS OF EX-VETERANS DUE TO FEAR, SAYS COL.

[By United Press] BATTLE CREEK, Mich., Dec. 22.—"Mental sickness" afflicts more than 10,000 World War veterans in

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government hospitals in this country today Colonel Frank E. Leslie, in charge of Hospital No. 100 at Camp Custer here said.

"Of the 25,000 ex-soldiers being cared for in government hospitals more than 10,000 are mentally sick," Col. Leslie said. "Possibly 25 per cent of these cases would have occurred regardless of a call to war service. The remaining 75 per cent, are the direct result of the late conflict."



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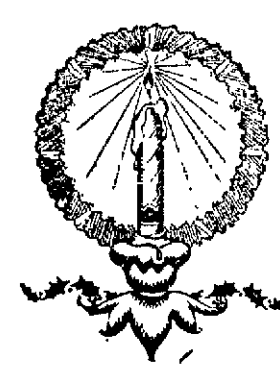
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WILDCATTING IS ACTIVE IN COAST AREA

Good showings in a wildcat well being drilled by the Bryan Production Company at Freeport, attracted attention to that part of the gulf coast during the past week. The well is located about 700 feet from the dome and cored 28 feet of oil sand around 3125 feet. Considerable gas could also be detected. Location is on the J. G. McNeel survey, and the well is called Hamm et al's Bryan No. 1. Freeport Sulphur company also is drilling a test a little further away from the dome, but nothing has been reported as to showings.

Brazoria county scored a producer in a workover at Damon Mound. Hamm et al's Bryan Estate 1, a workover, made 40 barrels from 1504 feet.

In the salt domes discovered last month are progressing but nothing important has been reported from any of these wells. The Gulf company is drilling below 400 feet in its Moore No. 2, in Fort Bend county, and the Pathfinder Oil Company is making a location for another test east of Damon Mound.

The Gulf is running up to continue its Smith 1 at High Island, in Galveston county.

On No. 1, drilled by the Texas company in Liberty county, was abandoned in gumbo at 1553 feet. Fee No. 2 is to be located about one-half mile south of the abandoned well, but the location has not been checked.

In the old fields, activity for the week showed up above the average. Completions numbered 16, and of this number 11 were producers and two were failures.

Initial production reached 1947 barrel, but the total output of the entire coastal area slumped 825 barrels as compared with last week.

Big Creek, in Fort Bend county, showed a decrease of slightly more than 600 barrels as compared with last week. This drop is due to the fact that several wells have quit flowing. All these producers will be put on the pump immediately and within the next few weeks production of the field should begin to go back up.

A few fields were above their output of last week, but these were offset by noticeable decrease in others until the entire district output was lowered.

Goose Creek led off in the number of wells completed. Out of four completions, three were good for commercial production. The field's biggest well was the Gulf Production company's Hirsch-State No. 1, which made 100 barrels from 4100 feet. The same company got a 45-barrel pumper in Wright No. 6, from 1000 feet, and Stateland Producers No. 8 was good for 10 barrels from 1175 feet. The Humble Oil and Refining company worked over Jones-State, had 5 and got a 45-barrel from 2472 feet.

Orange showed more initial production than any other district. In that field the Gulf company got the biggest well completed during the week in Kih Lang No. 8. This well made 600 barrels from a sand at 5100 feet. This is one of the few wells completed at Orange from so great a depth. One or two other wells have been drilled deeper, but they came out as dry holes. Hager-Moore, worked over by the Gulf, made 175 barrels from 3520 feet. The Supreme Oil company also worked over its Jackson 1 and got 325 barrels of

production from 4280 feet. Hull tied Orange in the number of completions, but the Hull wells were smaller than those at Orange. The Gulf company got two producers at Hull, with a combined production of 200 barrels. Scarborough No. 12 made 125 barrels from 3550 feet, and Phoenix Development company 38 showed 75 barrels from 2920 feet. The Texas company worked over Hogg 66 from 300 barrels at 3180.

Of the two wells reported from Big Creek, one was a dry hole. The Gulf company abandoned Wheat 8 when it showed salt water at 4280 feet. In the same field the Oil Production company's Ahlers 4 was completed for 42 barrels from 1910 feet.

At Batson the Gulf worked over its Wing 160 for 65 barrels at 1390 feet. The Ada Belle Oil company completed Wise 81 for 5 barrels at 1145 feet, and the Acorn Oil Company abandoned its Paraffine 48 as dry, at 605 feet.

The Louisiana coastal area reported only two completions for the week, both of which were producers. At Vinton, the Vinton Petroleum company's Vincent 13, a worked over well, made 100 barrels from 2230 feet, and at Evangeline, the Gulf Refining company of Louisiana got a producer for 100 barrels in J. C. 25, also a workover.

At Lockport where the Vacuum Oil company brought in a producer, that opened a new coastal field, early in the fall, three wells are now being drilled. Bordages No. 1 is drilling below 3032 feet in lime and gumbo. Farquhar No. 1 is reaming at 2153 feet.

Gray No. 1, which was abandoned a short time ago at 5200 feet, is being worked over. When the well was originally drilled a small showing of oil was passed up at about 3125 feet. Attempts are being made to mill the casing at that depth and test the sand. A whipstock was dropped and the well sidetracked and a new hole drilled to 3127.

Late in the week the discovery well was making about 750 barrels of oil daily.

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account of the heating apparatus not having yet been adjusted properly, the night services were called off. The prayer meeting next Wednesday night was stressed.

At the conclusion of the service, the annual collection for the Orphanage at Waco was taken. It was expected to raise \$150,000 in the conference for the home Sunday when collections were taken in all Methodist churches of the Central Texas Conference, according to manager W. F. Barnett. The money is to be used in building two fireproof cottages at the home. These cottages will be two stories high, modern and up to now in every particular.

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NEW YORK, Dec. 20.—Just two days before the end of the season a nasty scandal broke out in the National League and stained what otherwise would have been baseball's most distinguished season. With that one exception baseball had its most interesting and most prosperous season in 1924.

The major league pennant races were not decided until the last week of the season and it was the closeness of the competition for the championship in the National League that caused two members of the New York Giants to stoop to an attempt at bribery to clinch the pennant.

The surprising Brooklyn Robins that had been turned from a second division club into a pennant contender by the brilliant pitching of the great Dazzy Vance chased the Giants to the ire. With only two games remaining on the schedule, the Giants had to win one game from the Phillies to clinch the championship.

Before the game, according to his confession, Jimmy O'Connell, substitute outfielder for the Giants, who had been purchased from the San Francisco Pacific Coast League club for \$75,000, approached Ilenie Sand, the Philadelphia shotstop and offered him \$500 if he would "bear down" in the game. "Bearing down," in baseball parlance, is to try hard. Sand rejected the offer and told his manager, Art Fletcher what O'Connell had proposed to him. Fletcher notified John A. Heydler, president of the National League and Heydler in turn laid the case before Commissioner Landis.

The commissioner called O'Con-

nell on the carpet and the youngster confessed, saying that Cozy Dolan, coach of his team, had prompted him to do it and that Kelly, Frisch and Young knew what he had done. Landis declared O'Connell and Dolan ineligible and absolved Kelly, Frisch and Young from any connection with the attempted bribe.

Ban Johnson, president of the American League, said that there was more behind the case than had been made public and he demanded that the world's series be called off. Barney Dreyfuss, owner of the Pittsburgh Pirates, attacked the Giants as having been connected with other scandals in the past and said that the team should be disqualified and Brooklyn be declared the pennant winner.

Commissioner Landis refused to call off the series and it was played between the New York Giants and the Washington Senators. It was not the best played of all series, but it was the most interesting. Washington won the world's championship by taking the seventh game in the twelfth inning with the popular Walter Johnson in the box.

Johnson was expected to be the big hero of the series, but he failed to win his first two starts and he got the credit for winning the game only after he had gone in to pitch late in the game as a relief pitcher.

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WASHINGTON, Dec. 19.—An endless web of interlocking electric light companies, woven by the General Electric Company, will absorb the \$150,000,000 Muscle Shoals project if the Underwood bill passes, Senator Norris of Nebraska charged in the Senate today. He cited that companies he charged were controlled "by trust of the General Electric Company."

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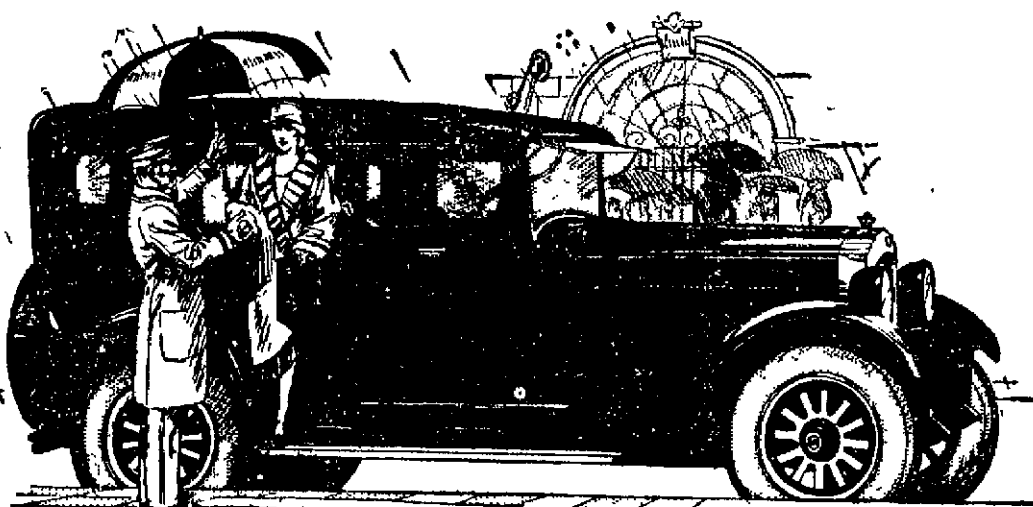
[By United Press]
HOUSTON, Dec. 19.—Charley Longorio and Isabel Gomez, whose back doors adjoin, were washing their hands at the community hy-drant recently. In the midst of this peaceful occupation, Isabel accused Charhe of swiping the community soap. Whereupon Charhe launched forth in a torrent of curse words and Isabel replied in kind.

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NEW TONG WAR

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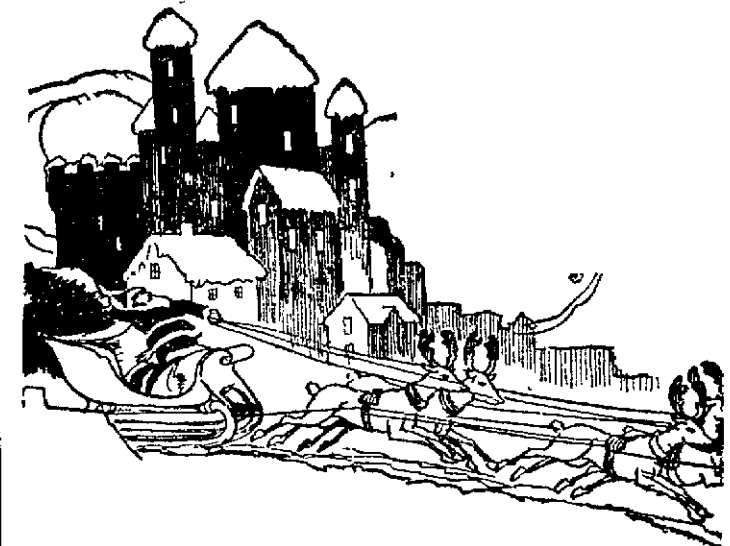
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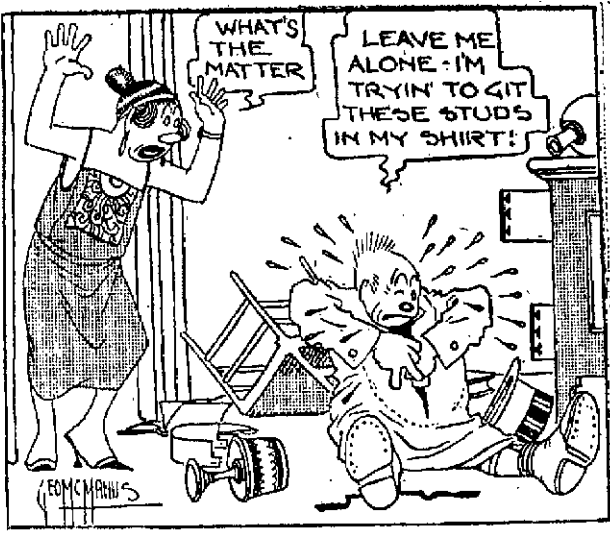
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STRAYED--Brown Jersey Cow, had light chain on horns. Strayed from W. D. Hight's home. Phone 224. 21X2

For Sale Miscellaneous
TWENTY SHARES (\$200) J. K. Hughes Developing Company for sale. Make me an offer, and if satisfactory the stock is yours. Box 62, care Daily News. 21X4
FOR SALE--One roller top desk, cheap for cash. Room 7, Ross and Green Bldg., or Box 543, Mexia, Texas. 22J2
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SCHOLARSHIP in Bryne Commercial College, Dallas, for sale. Can save you some money if you are looking for a first class commercial college. N. P. Houk, at News Office. 19X4
ENGRAVING--All kinds of cards, business cards, visiting cards. See our samples. Phone 148. News Publishing Co. 20J30
TRADE IN your old Gas Heaters and Gas Cook Stoves for new ones. Langston Furniture, 312 East Commerce St. 22J2
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No. 15 Dallas-Ft.W. 3:31 p. m.
No. 33 Ennis 7:10 p. m.
South Bound.
No. 20 Houston 12:16 a. m.
No. 38 Austin-SA 12:21 a. m.
No. 18 Houston 1:37 a. m.
No. 34 From Ennis-Stp. 7:15 a. m.
No. 32 From Dallas-Stp. 10:08 a. m.
No. 16 Houston-SA 11:55 a. m.
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Jazz And Movies Wrecking Home Life Says Judge

(By United Press)
PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 22.—Jazz, movies and the general craving for excitement is battering cupid for a knockout and driving nuptial barks on the rocks.

That is the opinion of Judge Lewis of the Domestic Relations Branch of the Municipal Court.

"The marriage institution is under going some serious changes and old adages which people once quoted as infallible are entirely discredited today," Judge Lewis said.

"There are two good sources of trouble and both at the root have the same cause. It is the modern desire for excitement.

"People are not contented with the simpler pleasures of the home that satisfied nearly everyone a few years back. Many matrimonial troubles have arisen because the husband has advanced more rapidly than the wife, through his business, which took him out among people, while she remained at home.

"In other case the wife does not stay quietly at home. She also craves excitement and attends the movies regularly, cramming romantic fancies in her head which makes her discontented with the matter-of-fact routine of married life."

The divorce court is a real menace to family life, for in most cases where children are to be given in custody the family can not be treated in piecemeal fashion—it must be considered as a unit—according to Judge Lewis.

Marriage is a most human institution, one which must be protected and steered safely through troubled waters," he said. "Those troubled waters are not for the most part huge, dramatic typhoons, but little disturbances day after day until the husband or wife can bear it no longer and feels there must be a legal ending in the divorce court."

In ten years the Domestic Relations Court here has handled cases involving 52,553 families.

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Mrs. Dorothy Stothart, wife of Herbert Stothart, noted musical composer of New York City, is dead under mysterious circumstances, after swallowing what is believed to have been shoe polish by mistake.

Dear Santa Claus:
I am a little girl five years old. Santa please bring me a doll buggy and a rocking chair. Santa I am going to give some little poor girl something for Christmas. We are going to have a Christmas tree in my Sunday school class. I have already got one of my Christmas presents my sister gave me a set of dishes. With lots of love. Your little friend,
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Dear a Santa Claus:
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I want a pair of boxing gloves, football, punching bag, red wagon, tool box, and a recto set.
Please remember all the poor little girls and boys. Lovingly,
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Dear Santa Claus:
Please bring me a little coaster wagon, a little train, lots of fruit and nuts and candies. Your best friend,
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Your little friend,
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L. N. ROBINSON JR.

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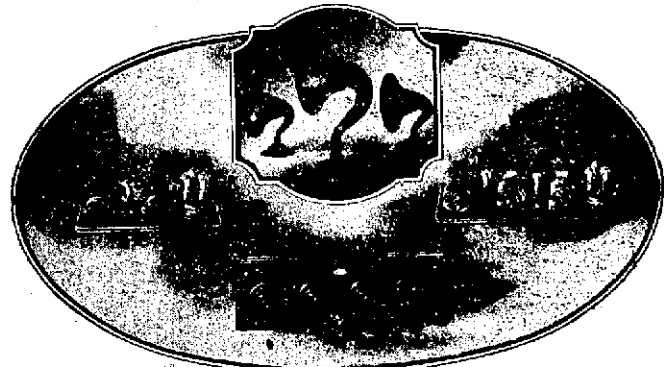
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Pure Oil Company's Bounds 1 Comes In This Afternoon

TWO GUSHERS IN ALREADY THIS WEEK IN NEW OIL FIELD

The Pure Oil Company's Bounds 1, west of the X-All highway and just across that road from the famous Simmons lease, came in early this afternoon as the tenth gusher for the month old Wortham oil field.

This well has been ready for several days to be brought in but was held back by the freeze. Work was begun on bringing it in this morning and it was known to be good for large production. A gauge had not been made of the latest addition but it is believed to be equally as good as the other producers in that territory which have been coming in right along for from 8,000 to 11,000 barrels.

This is the furthestest west well, with the exception of the Humphreys Boyd N. B. Boyd discovery well and is on a line with it and the Simmons lease.

The company has several other operations rapidly going down today and the coming in of this gusher, though expected has given that particular territory greater encouragement than ever.

This is the second well brought in this week, both of which have come within the last 24 hours.

FARMERS GAS COMPANY TAKES OVER OLD MEXIA GAS COMPANY BUSINESS

The Farmers Gas Company, a subsidiary to the Lone Star Gas Company, has taken over the business and franchise of the Mexia gas company, according to an agreement recently entered into. The company took hold of the service, it is understood, just recently and gave a service to the city through the cold spell which was appreciated by all patrons here.

\$50,000 HOTEL OPENS AT COOLIDGE SOON

But few towns the size of Coolidge can boast of a \$50,000 hotel, such as is nearing completion at that place. The furniture has been ordered and one car load had already arrived.

R. T. Bell is building the hotel; it is located near the new T. & B. V. station and is quite an addition to this progressive little town.

Grand Jury To Probe Accident Bringing Death

[By United Press] CHIPPewa FALLS, Wis., Dec. 22.—A grand jury investigation may be held to place the blame for the Soo Line wreck here Saturday in which eight persons were killed and seven hurt, Harold E. Stafford, district attorney, indicated today.

Stafford is pushing an independent investigation to determine what caused the switch lock on the bridge here to break and result in the combination dining and chair car falling from the bridge into the icy waters of Chippewa River.

The switch, according to Stafford, was placed there just two days before the wreck. Wheels of the train battered the switch knife before the point threw the rear trucks of the diner off on a side track and caused the wreck. Whether the switch did not close properly and the trucks of the train caused the tie bolt to break, or whether the tie bolt was weakened by the strain, or snapped by the intense cold of the last several days has not been determined. The tie bolt was broken, however, and Stafford indicated it may have been the result of improper installation.

Bodies of the eight dead are being shipped away today for funerals. Relatives and friends claimed them as soon as identification was established.

Railroad officials worked all day Sunday supervising the removal of the car from the river. The car fell sixty feet and was almost completely submerged in the water, fringed with ice.

MEXIA STUDENT AT CASTLE HEIGHTS GIVEN PLACE ON MYTHICAL ALL SOUTHERN SCHOLASTIC ELEVEN

Watkins Leases Second Story of Oates Building

Attorney Owen F. Watkins has leased the second story of the Dr. T. F. Oates brick building on Commerce and will move his law offices into a suite of rooms in the new location during the present week. He has maintained a suite of offices in the Schulz building, which is one block west of the new location, during the present year. There will likely be other changes in location of not only office quarters but in mercantile stocks around the first of January, as usual.

WESTERN UNION BUSINESS GOES TO BOOM DAYS OF '21 MARK

Mr. Gammons, Western Union local manager, has been called out of the city and Miss Lillian Wallace is now acting manager.

Miss Wallace is fully capable of handling the situation, having been a member of the force in the boom days of 1921-22 and been connected with the office ever since. To handle the growing volume of Western Union business, 16 employees are now on the pay roll here and it is believed that additions will yet have to be made, if the increase continues as great the next two weeks as it has in the past few days.

The company's service has met with general praise and it is commonly asserted that no more courteous and capable set of employees can be found anywhere than right here in Mexia.

The business increased last Friday to about the amount of the old boom days, according to the records of W. B. Wingo, District Manager, who divides his time pretty well between Mexia and Wortham. Despite the wires which were down in many parts of the United States during the recent cold spell, the service in and out of here was good, the wires from here being in first class shape.

New Electric Power Bloc Is Foreseen

United Press Staff Correspondent. WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—A new electric power "bloc" with visions of the day when the United States will be supplied with Government electricity for operating all its factories, railroads and home utilities has been formed in Congress.

Ultimately its members hope to have a web of Government electric lines that will reach into every city and town in the country. The use of coal would be supplanted by electricity from rushing streams, harnessed by Federal funds.

Just now they want to put thru this session of Congress the Norris bill for the Government operation of Muscle Shoals, the big Boulder canyon project in Arizona and the Great Falls power project on the Potomac.

These three projects form the basis of the movement. If they can be adopted, twenty States will be supplied with Government power. Muscle Shoals will spread its electrical tentacles through Tennessee, Alabama, Kentucky, Mississippi, Georgia, the Carolinas and Florida and perhaps St. Louis. The Boulder canyon would benefit California, New Mexico, Arizona, Nevada, Utah, Colorado and perhaps Western Texas. Great Falls would supply Virginia, Maryland, Pennsylvania and even some of West Virginia.

The bloc moved its activities today from the floor of the Senate where it has been fighting against the Underwood bill to the Senate Irrigation and Reclamation Committee where hearings are being opened on the Boulder canyon project.

BIG FIRE LOSS SUSTAINED BY COMMUNITIES IN ARKANSAS

[By United Press] LITTLE ROCK, Dec. 22.—Property damages estimated at \$208,000 was caused by a series of fires in Little Rock and smaller Arkansas towns last night and today. At Womble a stove in the guest room of the hotel started a blaze that razed the entire block with a loss of \$50,000. Fire threatening to wipe out Stuttgart was brought under control after a damage of \$150,000. Fires in the residential district here caused \$15,000 damage.

THE WEATHER.

Texas—Cloudy, rain and warmer.

Pittsburgh School Building Burned Down This Morn.

[By United Press] PITTSBURGH, Texas, Dec. 22.—The Pittsburgh public school building was destroyed by fire shortly after midnight. Loss is estimated at \$75,000. The city recently voted \$55,000 for an annex.

Lamb Realty Co. To Occupy New Quarters Soon

De Witt Lamb, who recently severed his connections with the American Printing Company to engage in the realty and insurance business, has obtained office quarters in the Dr. T. F. Oates building, second floor, and will occupy his new quarters during the present week. Mr. Lamb will likely continue as secretary of the Mexia Manufacturers & Jobbers Association and maintain headquarters for the Association at his new office.

Six Die In Cold Wave In Ohio

[By United Press] COLUMBUS, Ohio, Dec. 22.—Six were killed and scores injured as the result of the cold wave in Ohio over the week end. Three perished in Columbus from carbon fumes in an attempt to shut out the cold. Two were killed in Cleveland traffic accidents and a boy was killed sliding off a roof in Toledo.

Tooth Ache Was His "Alibi"

[By United Press] DALLAS, Dec. 22.—"You are charged with making a left hand turn on a corner where such is prohibited by law," the Corporation court judge told a man in court here recently.

"What have you to say?" "Well," said the defendant, "I had a toothache and couldn't wait to go to a left hand turn corner three blocks away. I had to get a dentist or go blind."

"How's the tooth today?" "Pretty well, thank you, how's yours?" "The alibi was 'too good' and the judge forthwith dismissed the case."

MONTREAL, Que., Dec. 22.—Sunday in Montreal was the coldest Dec. 21, in several years, the mercury dropping to 17 below in the city. In outlying districts the temperature dropped as low as 27. During the night snow began falling and the temperature rose to around zero.

Alex Bristow, son of Mrs. Allen Hatch, has returned for the holidays after his most successful term in Castle Heights at Lebanon, Tennessee. In every way the term has been his best, during which time it has seen him rise far above the average student to a place on the all Southern scholastic football eleven. He was also given the place on all state for Tennessee.

The Nashville Tennessean tells of his nomination to the captaincy of Castle Heights team for next year as follows:

"At the annual football banquet held at Castle Heights Military Academy last Friday night, Alex Bristow, star guard, was chosen captain of the 1925 squad. Bristow has been playing a great game with the cadet eleven for the past two years and will make an excellent leader."

Bristow was one of the squad to receive his letter this year, having played in every minute of every game, watched by leading sport critics of the South and finally given a place on the mythical selection.

He was a member of the Black Cat squad prior to his entrance into Castle Heights and his showing has been lasting renown for his old school here. Mexia citizens are elated over the success that has been his.

U. S. MAIL FLIER'S BODY IS FOUND EAST OF DE BALK

[By United Press] DEKALB, Ill., Dec. 22.—The body of Charles Gilbert, air mail flier missing since last night, was found twenty miles east of here, according to reports to the telephone office here, several hundred yards from the demolished plane which was hunted by lantern light all night. Indications are that Gilbert lost control of the plane while 100 feet in the air. Seriously injured cold and exposure caused his death, it is believed. He apparently tried to make his way to a farm house, but was unable to resist the paralyzing cold.

BANDIT'S BLOW UP PANHANDLE P. O.

[By United Press] PANHANDLE, Texas, Dec. 22.—Bandits blew the safe in the post office here this morning, escaping with \$400 in money and stamps. A posse was organized and is in pursuit.

Fields to Return To Normalcy By Tuesday Night

The thawing of ice had hardly begun Sunday afternoon when the traffic again started pouring to the Wortham oil field operations. While the weather man had greatly hampered field activity and traffic, the railroads kept on a bringing in more cars loaded with material and equipment. The lull of the three days in the operations saw much of the material needed in the field arrive both at Mexia and at Wortham.

No improvement is noted in the water situation, as the slight snow and sleet disappeared either in the ground or in the air by Monday morning. Many water lines had been broken in the freeze and the first trucks to go out of here were loaded with water lines to be used in the repairs.

By Tuesday night, the fields are expected to have returned to normalcy.

The weather man promises rain.

OTTAWA, Ontario.—Canada has made rapid strides in recent years in wool production, largely a result of government grading, both the Federal and Provincial Government being active in the promotion of this industry.

REAR WALL OF POST OFFICE ANNEX FALLS IN SUNDAY

Sunday afternoon, the rear brick wall of the "annex" to the Post Office building here collapsed. The addition, in the rear of the Post Office, was used for the rural route carriers. Fortunately they were all out at the time, otherwise injuries would have been experienced by them.

As a result, their desks were moved this morning to the lobby which is crowded with the usual patrons, augmented by hundreds daily who are sending out Christmas gifts.

This presents a confused scene and postal employees are laboring under tremendous handicaps and dangers.

Dallas Grocer Is Killed When Car Is Hit by Train

[By United Press] DALLAS, Texas, Dec. 22.—Henry Boedeker, Dallas grocer, was instantly killed when a train struck his auto at a grade crossing today. A negro riding with him, was perhaps fatally injured.

Four Injured In Tulsa Street Car Collision Today

[International News Service] TULSA, Okla., Dec. 22.—Four were seriously injured in a head on collision between two street cars here today. An unidentified woman had her leg almost severed. The accident was caused by slippery rails. One car was going down hill and unable to stop, crashed into the other.

Mrs. E. L. Smith and Mrs. W. K. Boyd and children left Sunday for Terrell where they will spend the holidays with their parents.

Fur Store Looted And Loses \$100,000

[By United Press] CHICAGO, Dec. 22.—The Nathan Teitelbaum fur store was looted of furs valued at \$100,000 at midnight by robbers who chopped their way through the wood and cement floor to enter the vaults without ringing the burglar alarm.

County Paid For Coffee Urn

[By United Press] EL PASO, Dec. 20.—A coffee urn is no different than a typewriter, ruled county attorney Will Pelphrey here recently when a bill for a new urn recently installed in the jail was presented to the county commissioners. Pelphrey maintained the sheriff should pay for the coffee brewer which replaces one worn out, from his fees.

"I had to buy new typewriter ribbons not long ago from my fees and a coffee urn is no different than a typewriter," the attorney argued. Commissioners reversed his decision, however, and paid the bill.

TWINS AND TRIPLETS.

[By United Press] AUSTIN, Dec. 20.—At least 500 sets of twins and fully a dozen sets of triplets are listed in the birth records for this year, according to state offices.

During the first six months of the year Dallas led with 30 sets of twins and El Paso ranged second with 19 double track sets.

New Freight Rate Recommended By I. C. C. Examiner

[By United Press] WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—An adjustment of intrastate and interstate freight rates for the south-west by a national state agency of railroads was recommended today by a tentative report by W. A. Disque, Interstate Commerce Commission examiner, following an investigation of rates in that territory. As an instance of discrimination the reports points out the rate from Dallas to Macon, Ga., \$3.54 per hundred, Macon to Dallas \$2.37.

ANOTHER FREEZE TO HIT OHIO AND SOUTH SECTIONS

[By United Press] WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—Another cold-wave, following on the heels of the mild spell due to bring relief from the freezing temperature, will hit the lake region of Ohio Valley Tuesday and Wednesday, and sections south thereafter.

HUMBLE CASINGHEAD PLANT AT WORTHAM

The Humble Oil and Gas Company is to build a casing-head gas plant in the Wortham oil field, according to reports current here. The Company has operated a successful plant in Powell field and a similar one is understood to be planned for the month old field.

EASTERN STAR MEETING TONIGHT

There will be a called meeting of Mexia Chapter No. 57, Order Eastern Star, tonight at 7:30. There will be work in the degrees, a musical program and refreshments. Let every member come and help make this last meeting of the year 1924 an enjoyable and profitable one. Visitors are always welcome.

MRS. OSCAR DENNING, W. M.

Community Power And Light Gives Service To Area

The Community Power and Light Company, maintaining its Texas headquarters at Mexia, is supplying the Wortham oil field with its electric lights and electrical power. Through a contract with the Texas Power and Light Company, the latter built a line from Corsicana to the area for the Community, to augment its power generated in the Mexia plant.

DUNCAN AND MITCHELL TO PLAY IN FAR WEST

[International News Service] LOS ANGELES, Dec. 22.—George Duncan and Abe Mitchell, famous British professional golfers, will play thirty-six holes at Rancho course here December 28. This is the first time the Englishmen have visited the Pacific Coast.

Mitchell is recognized as the longest driver in the world.

DEAD AMERICAN FOUND

[By United Press] PARIS, Dec. 19.—The Apache quarter of Paris gave up the dismembered trunk of a man believed to be an American. Wrapped in a copy of a French newspaper published in San Francisco was the trunk of a blond foreigner. It was found by a night watchman. Some distance away, similarly wrapped, were other parts of the body found. The head was missing. The cutting was done by experts, authorities said.

COMPANY TAKES SECOND PLACE IN DAILY YIELD

The E. L. Smith Oil Company's Edwards 1 came in Sunday evening about 6:30 making 12,500 barrels daily. In the first hour, by actual gauge test it made slightly above 500 barrels.

The well had been due in since last Friday morning, but on account of the freeze which caused a gas shortage, the well could not be swabbed in, as planned.

When the weather began to moderate about noon Sunday preparations were begun to complete the well, which is a south offset to the Penn McCorkle 1 in the east part of Wortham. Since drilled to production depths early last week the well had been trying to come in but was held back until preparations could be made complete. When one trip was made with the swab and then the production started.

By this addition to the production column, the E. L. Smith Oil Company takes rank as the second largest producer in the field, being exceeded now only by the Humphreys Boyd Oil Company.

The Company started the week off last Monday by bringing in the Beall 1 North offset to the Kirby Bounds 1 for 5500 production. This well is now producing around 5,000 barrels daily, giving the company a daily yield of approximately 17,000 barrels of oil for which it is receiving \$1.25 per barrel. The company has two additional wells going down on the Edwards acreage and two on the Beall which should be completed weather permitting the latter part of this month or the early part of January.

In addition, it owns other promising leases in the Wortham district and royalty holdings on already producing property. A royalty interest is owned by the company on the famous Simmons block.

The coming in of the well as the first for the week was the signal for operations to start with full speed again following the freeze which had tied up most everything but producing wells since last Thursday night.

Today the race is on with renewed vigor and at least fifteen wells should be brought in before January 1. The cold snap has curtailed operations considerably. It was thought two weeks ago that the month would witness at least fifty completions in the new field and doubtless would have proven true had water been plentiful and the set back not been given by the freeze.

Mrs. Gompers May Contest Will Of Her Late Husband

[By United Press] WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—Mrs. Samuel Gompers will confer with her attorney here today to decide whether to contest the will of the late Samuel Gompers, which cut her off with "the minimum amount required by law."

Unable to understand the cancellation of a previous will which left her all his property and believing "unfair" pressure may have been brought on the veterans labor leader, according to Captain J. I. Poyser, her attorney, Mrs. Gompers will not sign the petition for probate of the document when other beneficiaries do today.

Gompers' estate, according to estimates of his friends, will not exceed \$30,000, of which \$10,000 in savings and \$20,000 his home here. Under the dower right which Gompers directed alone should be allowed his widow, Mrs. Gompers would receive from \$1,500 to \$5,000.

If Mrs. Gompers contests the will, the other beneficiaries, Samuel Gompers Jr., Henry and Alexander Gompers and Gompers' two grand children, are expected to fight her.

Mr. and Mrs. Wood Smith of Dallas have arrived to spend the holidays with their sons, E. L. and Earl Smith.

DEATH DEALT BY COLD WAVE IN MANY PARTS OF WORLD

[By United Press]

DALLAS, Dec. 22.—North and Central Texas today had almost completely recovered from the worst December cold wave in years. Telephone and telegraph communications disrupted by last Thursday's blizzard, was restored and towns isolated were placed in touch with the outside world again.

NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—Four died and hospitals cared for scores of victims in the bitterest weather of the winter today. The cold wave, moving eastward from Texas, Oklahoma, Missouri, gripped the Atlantic seaboard Sunday. Terrific cold was experienced upstate.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Dec. 22.—More snow for the Southwest is predicted by local weather observers today.

The blanket of sleet and snow which now covers the territory will be added to by Tuesday or Wednesday, the report says.

Fears have been expressed for communication facilities which were just being restored from damages of storms of last week.

Temperatures were slightly higher here today with clear skies.

AUSTIN, Texas, Dec. 22.—Clearing, skies and rising temperatures brought relief to Central Texas today from the cold wave which struck here Thursday. Ice and snow which followed the northern disappearance with the rising mercury, which climbed to 35 late Sunday. Warmer weather was forecast for this section today.

PITTSBURGH, Pa., Dec. 22.—Samuel Ray Buchanan, 14, was held to a Santa Fe freight train and skating on frozen snow along the track. His skate hit a tie and he was thrown head long under the train and killed.

NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—Three men died of cold here and another perished in Newark, while hospitals cared for a score of victims of the bitterest weather of the winter.

The cold wave that has been moving steadily eastward for several days, gripped the Atlantic seaboard Sunday and brought temperatures ranging 14 and 20 degrees.

Slowly moderating weather is forecast for the next two or three days. There was no snow in New York City. In fact, the official observer reported there were no cyclonic areas, or severe storms anywhere in the country.

Terrific cold was experienced upstate, however, the mercury falling to 31 degrees below zero. It was also bitterly cold in Vermont and New Hampshire, with temperature ranging as low as 30 below. It was 1 below in Boston Sunday.

The storm that has caused so much damage throughout the Middle West appeared to have spent its strength before reaching the seaboard.

Several early morning fires, forcing scantily clad families to the streets, entailed considerable suffering in Brooklyn. A fireman carried one family of four down an extension ladder when flames destroyed a Seventh Avenue tenement.

PITTSBURGH, Pa., Dec. 22.—After the coldest weather in twenty-five years over the week-end, the mercury rose gradually today and at 7 a. m. snow began falling.

The forecast for Western Pennsylvania was "snow and warmer", for today and tomorrow. One woman died as result of pouring oil on a coal fire.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—Though the cold wave hit Washington over the week-end, President Coolidge spent Saturday to Monday aboard the yacht Mayflower.

Accompanied by Mrs. Coolidge, his son John, and a party of guests, the President cruised down to Potomac to Quantico. Last night the yacht anchored off Washington as if those aboard might be considering coming ashore on account of the cold but the Mayflower did not put in at the Navy dock until this morning.

PARIS, Dec. 22.—Freezing cold kept Paris Communists orderly Sunday and 10,000 marched and sang the Internationale without disturbance. The cold also prevented counter demonstrations.

CHICAGO, Dec. 22.—After suffering from sub-zero temperatures for 48 hours, the Middle West was released somewhat today. It was still below zero in the Northwest, however. The total death list in the Middle West was estimated at 30.

ST. PAUL, Minn., Dec. 22.—Continued cold today and Tuesday is predicted.

It was 8 below zero here at 7 a. m. with a clear sky.

North Dakota points reported 12 to 18 degrees below zero and it was 16 below at Duluth. Extreme temperatures in Montana were tempered away today to 6 and 12 below.

BOSTON, Mass., Dec. 22.—Winter officially arrived in New England Sunday bringing temperatures from 25 below zero at Colebrook, N. H., to 10 above at New Haven, Conn.

The forecast for today was "faint" with slowly rising temperatures.

BASKETBALL TABS.

[By United Press]

PORT WORTH—The Stickle Lumber quintet Dallas, beat Texas Christian University cagers 15 to 13 here last night.

DALLAS — Southern Methodist University cagers meet Howell's Beethians here tonight.

News Classified Ads get results.

LOST—Pointer puppy about 5 mos. old. Liver colored ears. One liver spot behind right shoulder. Few white hairs on right ear. Reward. Phone 55 or 360. 22X2

STORAGE—We will store your furniture, large or small lots. Iron building. 100 E. Titus St. Dresser Storage. Phone 758. 22X2

FOR SALE, bargain, dresser rooms nicely furnished, a nice income, part cash, balance like rent, it will pay you to look it over, 108 E. Titus St., phone 758. 22X2

FOR SALE CHEAP, 1 500 bbl. steel tank, 1 Mud Hog steam pump, 1 6-46 steam pump, 3 small gas engines, 2 wagon tanks. Ed Dresser, 108 E. Titus St., phone 758. 22X1

Advent of Blizzard Halts Dairymen on Daily Rounds; Milk Some Delivered Froze, Requiring Thawing Out Bottles

Old Man Winter staged a surprise attack Friday morning on that most punctual and unwavering daily caller at the homes of Dallas citizens, the milkman, and as the result many a dish of the customary morning porridge was eaten without the usual portion of cream and many a cup of coffee was gulped black and steaming without the rich butter fat of the milk cow to take away the bitter tang of the coffee bean.

Altogether it was a hard morning for the milkman and in consequence a milkless, creamless breakfast for many of those thousands of folk whom he serves in Dallas. Slippery, ice-covered streets that made travel exceedingly difficult and a biting cold that benumbed physical movement and made motor delivery vehicle engines as balky and obstreperous as a hard-boiled male, were the weapons of Old Man Winter. The milkman sallied forth, determined and staunch in his duty, to the still sleeping horde of breakfasters, but his efforts progressed little further than good intentions, so far as many of his customers were concerned Old Man Winter had the laugh of the occasion and his smile was a cold and frosty glare when housewives, appearing hurriedly at back doors for the bottles of milk and cream, found only the empty bottles left out the night before.

In many cases where the milkman went out and succeeding in delivering the mornings' portion of milk and cream, his trouble proved of little value. For during that period between his call and the stir of the housewife preparatory to breakfast, Jack Frost and his allies turned the gleaming white fluid in the bottles to crystals of ice which had to be thawed out before being available for use.

After all, though, Old Man Winter didn't do the milkman such a bad turn. He at least demonstrated how important the milkman is when it comes to starting the day off right.

STORK BEASTS DEATH IN 1921 RACE

AUSTIN, Dec. 20.—With a net population gain of 35,000, Texas will close the books for the year 1921, according to state offices. Thorough October births totaled 64,274 and deaths 30,707, compared with 56,712 and 26,792 for the same period last year.

Reports for the month of November, not yet complete, show that the birth rate climbed almost to 9,000 or 2,500 more than the average month.

SPORTS.

HOUSTON—Paul Jones, local mat star, beat John Roller, of Baltimore in two straight falls here last night. The men are heavyweights.

DALLAS—Clarence Eklund, Dallas, beat Ivan Pontonoff, Russian grappler, in two out of three falls here last night.

News Classified Ads get results.

J. A. Lawton was a visitor from Cisco Saturday.

J. R. Stevens was here from San Antonio Saturday.

TOKIO, Dec. 18.—Police today arrested Bunkai Akawa, a Japanese youth found armed with a knife prowling outside the window of the American embassy. Said he was mentally deranged. The Foreign office is investigating.


NOTICE

Juniors, remember the Christmas tree Tuesday night at the First Baptist Church, 7:30. Come, bring your peckage.

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E. L. Crow, Secretary of the Mexia Retail Merchants Association, states that the local business men comprising the membership are continuing their interest in the Association. At this time, it is pointed out that the Association is doing some of its best work. Credit ratings of new arrivals may be looked up easily, thus doing justice to all concerned.

But there is more to a retail Merchants Association than the credit information bureau. It is a help to the retailer in many other ways. It offers protection against all kinds of fake propositions which besiege a town during a boom era. There are 170 organizations of this kind in Texas, all affiliated in one big group, the information from one being available for the asking by all the others.

SURPRISE SHOWER FOR BRIDE TO BE

The beautiful new home of Mrs. E. L. Crow on Ross Avenue was the occasion recently of much merriment. On Tuesday night, December 10, Mrs. Crow, assisted by Mrs. Ralph Vanneman and Mrs. Roy Akin gave a surprise shower for Miss Zera Mae Brice, who on January 3rd is to become the bride of Mr. Van Lowrie. The home looked its best in the lovely decorations placed by the thoughtful hands and deft fingers of loving friends. The Christmas motif was used throughout, Santa Claus being in evidence every where. The guests began to arrive at 7:30. Little Mary Jane Crow delighted the guests with several readings in her own sweet way. The task to get Miss Brice out was on hand. So after a little work on the part of several of the ladies, Miss Brice was brought over and was delighted with the happy surprise when she stepped into the room crowded with guests who had gathered to honor her.

After a few minutes of delightful chatter, the door bell rang and on opening the door, in stepped Santa Claus loaded with a large pack full of gifts for the bride elect. After wishing each one a very Merry Christmas, Santa sped away. Much pleasure was derived from opening the packages. Santa did not forget that there were two little children in the house that night, a doll for Mary Jane Crow and a clown for Billy Frank Akin were found in the sack.

A delicious salad course served, consisting of chicken salad, olives, potato chips, sandwiches and coffee.

KNIGHTS TEMPLAR CHRISTMAS SERVICE

By order of the Grand Commander, Coeur de Lion Commandery, Knights Templar, will hold Christmas service at the hall Christmas morning at 11 o'clock, conducted by Sir Knights W. B. Andrews and E. H. Hudson. The service will be short and all will be able to get home before noon. At 10:30 the new officers elected for the coming year will be installed. Officers elect are urged to be present for the installation and other members at 11 o'clock. Visitors are always welcome.

NEW S. P. STEAMSHIP IS READY FOR SERVICE.

The Southern Pacific new passenger steamship "Blenville" will make its maiden trip from New York to New Orleans January 3, leaving on the return for the northern port January 14. This new ship is the last word in completeness and will be one of the most comfortable vessels used in coastwise trade, according to local representatives.

C. L. Tatum, advertising manager for the Daily News, is laid up with an attack of appendicitis, and an operation may be necessary. His many friends hope for his speedy recovery.

R. J. Barry was here from Houston Monday.

EASY TO DARKEN YOUR GRAY HAIR

When you darken your hair with Sage Tea and Sulphur, no one can tell, because it's done so naturally, so evenly. Preparing this mixture though, at home is messy and troublesome. At little cost you can buy at any drug store the ready-to-use preparation, improved by the addition of other ingredients called "Wyeth's Sage and Sulphur Compound." You just dampen a sponge or soft brush with it and draw this through your hair, taking one small strand at a time. By morning all gray hair disappears, and, after another application or two your hair becomes thickly darkened, glossy and luxuriant.

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AND NOW THEY HAVE AIRPLANE BUSES! The ships cover part of the route from Los Angeles to Big Bear Lake. At Ontario, Calif., passengers change from the motor buses to planes, and are sped over valleys of oranges, vineyards, mountains and the Mojave Desert.

LOCALS

Henry Miles was here from Big Lake today.

R. H. Johnston was here from Dallas on business today.

F. L. White was here from Dallas today.

Hal Hughes was a visitor from Electra Monday.

E. A. Watts was here Monday from Waco.

G. C. Matheny was here from Conroe.

R. L. Richards was here from Dallas Sunday.

Jno. D. White was a week-end visitor from Burkburnett.

Hutt Reed was here from Beaumont Sunday.

O. F. Ackley was a week-end visitor from Dallas.

W. Nichols is here today from Wichita Falls on business.

J. R. Diamond was a visitor from Corsicana today.

Gibson Hagood was here Monday from Waxahachie.

Mrs. Raleigh De Long of Houston is visiting in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Ellington.

Miss Dark Kazilla of the McKinney School faculty has gone to her home at Milford for the Christmas season.

Miss Jewell Thigpen, one of the teachers at the McKinney Street School, has gone to Huntsville to spend the holidays with her parents.

Walter Vickers, brother of Frank Vickers, is reported better after having suffered seriously from a bleeding nose.

Mandle Clipse, formerly of Mexia but now a resident of Cleburne, arrived Saturday to spend the Christmas holidays here.

News Classified Ads get results.

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Hon. Clyde A. Sweetin of Houston, after attending the celebration at Groesbeck last week, spent Saturday night and Sunday in Mexia.

The Prairie Pipe line building on East Main street next door to the First Christian church has been rented by Mr. and Mrs. Denton.

The First Presbyterian Sunday School will have a Christmas tree Wednesday evening at 7 o'clock at the church.

Today is the shortest day in the year. From now on until June 22 the days will gradually lengthen, when they will begin to shorten again.

A partition has been put in the First Presbyterian church that adds much to its looks and comfort during the cold weather just now beginning.

Mrs. T. A. Kindred who fell several weeks ago and sustained minor injuries, among which was an injured hand which she has not since been able to use, is improving slowly.

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The two cottages on East Main Street being built by Mrs. T. A. Kindred are rapidly being completed and will soon be ready for occupancy. Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Haines and family will reside in one of them and Mr. and Mrs. Henning the other.

It is an ill wind that blows no one good. The late freeze will make lots of work for plumbers and garage men. Lots of folks failed to cut off the water in time to save their pipes, while many autos probably froze up and maybe there are some bursted jackets to be welded.

Hon. Luther A. Johnson, congressman from this district, has been called to his home in Corsicana, on account of the serious illness of his father. He was due to arrive there this morning. His many friends here hope that his father will soon be on the road to recovery. Congressman Johnson is very popular with his colleagues in Washington.

Miss Mozelle Wildman arrived from Arizona Friday to spend the holidays with her father, Frank Wildman, the furniture dealer on Palestine street. Mrs. Wildman and Miss Ouida arrived several days ago.

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from Hollywood, leaving Miss Mozelle in Arizona for a few days visit with friends. The Wildmans have many friends in Mexia who are glad to see them again.

KLANSMEN NOTICE.

Klan No. 47, Realm of Texas, meets tonight at the Klan Hall. All visiting Klansmen in the city are

given a cordial invitation to attend. Regular members urged to be present at this, the last meeting before Christmas. Only one other meeting this year, Monday, December 29th. A warm hall and an interesting program.

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DEVELOPMENT OF CLINIC SERVICE

The growth of the clinical idea in the country in the last twenty years has been remarkable. General clinics for all kinds of ailments are maintained in every important city in the United States where charity work is done, and where people of moderate means go for examinations and service. Literally millions are ministered unto in America for every kind of known disease.

Baylor's Clinic in Dallas, in connection with the Baylor College of Medicine and Hospital has grown from a staff of 2 physicians in 1900, the date of its establishment, to a staff of 50 physicians, among them the most widely known men of the profession in Dallas. In the first year of its work only several hundred attended the openings for patients, but in 1923-24 the Clinic treated 20,000 patients. The year 1924-25 will total 30,000 patients treated. In the current year 3,948 patients were treated for general medical conditions: Ear, Eye, Nose and Throat patients totaled 3,876; Surgical 2,912; Genito-Urinary 2,389; Gynecology 1,945; Dermatology 1,709; Pediatrics 1,360; Obstetrics 548; Mental and Nervous 414; Dental, not including those treated in Dental College, Infirmary, 77; Orthopedics 46; totaling in all 19,224 cases.

In 1920-21 the patients numbered 11,114; in 1921-22, 12,320; in 1922-23, 15,994; in 1923-24, 19,221, with a prospect of 30,000 for the current year showing, in no meager way, the steady development that has come thru this agency. Many people who would otherwise go neglected are treated and life saved or prolonged.

Social Welfare work is maintained in connection with the Clinic, and a great service has been rendered to the needy by the workers in this department who see into the needs of the distressed and who have avenues thru which service may be rendered to those who need help. Many babies are placed in homes, many hungry people helped toward independence and to many the Way of Life is pointed through Christ.

The Clinic has many cases like the following each year, in which a small boy, of poor parents, had a disease that centered in the bone of the heel. The bone was completely eaten away and the boy was a cripple, apparently, for life. But in Baylor's Clinic an operation was performed and the little fellow of 5 years will soon walk; then follow the plow beside his father, and later become a Rural Citizen instead of a cripple for life and a burden.

Don't forget to put something on the Salvation Army Christmas tree at the Central Presbyterian church Christmas night.

The gift barrels by the kettles watched by the Salvation Army are receiving many nice gifts, some of which are second hand but they will gladden somebody's heart. If you have anything in the way of used clothing or toys, drop them in there and they will be put to a mighty good service right here in Mexia.

THE EDITORIAL OF THE DAY

(Teague News)

Our experience is that a fellow has to go to church mighty early if he calculates on occupying a back seat.

Charlie Chaplin's latest wife must be more than 14 years of age. She couldn't get that ugly in fourteen short years.

Lives of tobacco chawers all reminds us

That our aim is very poor, And, departing, leave behind us, Large brown stains upon the floor.

—SHAKESPEARE.

A Chicago professor comes forward with the interesting statement that every citizen should know something of the Greek tragedies. As

evidence that great men's minds run in the same channel, the historical editor of The News was just fixing to sit down, take his pen in hand and suggest to News readers that they should by all means acquire a little knowledge of the Greek tragedies.

Jack Warren, Houston man, charged with arson and murder, was released upon a bond signed by Messrs. Canino, Vetrano, Ingrando and Ciulla, whose names can only be pronounced in connection with a sneeze and cough while trying to say a bad cuss word. The gentlemen, after considering the charges against the defendant, decided to have their names erased from the bond, and now Warren is again viewing the scenery through the lattice work.

DEEP TEST IN MILAM COUNTY

ROCKDALE, Texas, Dec. 22.—The Rockdale oil interest will divert its attention from the shallow field in the near future for the purpose of trying out a deep test on the Leonard Isaacs farm, four miles due north of Rockdale, according to announcement of John E. Lee, who has associated with him in the deal prominent, outside oil interests; the location has already been made.

A heavy rotary rig and other necessary machinery is on the ground, and Lee and association are awaiting the arrival of derrick timbers for the erection of a 112-foot derrick. The timber is expected to arrive daily.

The contract is for a 3,000-foot test, and Lee expects to substitute heavy cable tools when he strikes the chalk, which will probably be found at around 2,000 feet. Lee is sanguine that the deep pool will be found in close proximity to the present shallow production, and feels that his location is "right".

The result of his test will be watched with interest, not only by local people, but the oil talent as a whole. It has been said that one of the largest independent operators in Texas is now negotiating for acreage in Milam county, situated northeast of Rockdale. He obligates himself to make a deep test immediately after first drilling some core test ranging from 1,000 to 1,500 feet.

FREEZE TIES UP WELLS IN OLD PRODUCING AREA

During the recent freeze, the wells in the old Mexia field, on the pump, have been idle. They are again running in large numbers. The decrease in Central Texas production will be large in this week's report on account of these wells having to stop. The daily yield has been around 23,000 for the Mexia field and most of the several hundred wells contributing this amount have been idle since Friday, which will mean a decline of at least 60,000 barrels for the week.

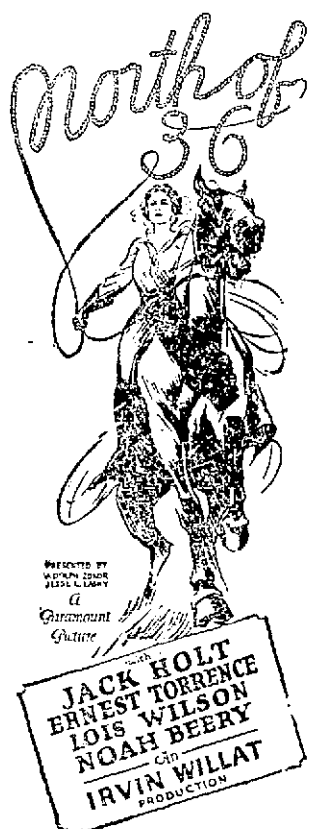
GETS SHALLOW WELL

ROCKDALE, Texas, Dec. 22.—The latest from the oil fields is that the Watson well that came in the past week at a depth of 1,000 feet, is flowing 15 barrels per day and looks as though it will develop into a 25-barrel before many days. The well is situated two and one-half miles north of Rockdale, in the Cataul district.

C. P. Tindley is in Haskell, in West Texas, from which point he is sending many of his many friends cards bearing the season's joyous message.

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Resume Dancing January 26th

[By United Press]
HOUSTON, Dec. 22.—Somebody tipped off the law and she had to stop doing the light fantastic.

Ruby McElyea, 14, pretty blonde dancer, is in Houston after somebody in San Antonio found she was under age for the stage and threatened to cause trouble.

"But I'm going back on the stage Jan. 26—I'll be 15 then—and I'd certainly like to see any old body stop me then," she says.

MUCH ILLNESS OF EX-VETERANS DUE TO FEAR, SAYS COL.

[By United Press]
BATTLE CREEK, Mich., Dec. 22.—"Mental sickness" afflicts more than 10,000 World War veterans in

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government hospitals in this country today Colonel Frank E. Leslie, in charge of Hospital No. 100 at Camp Custer here said.

"Of the 25,000 ex-soldiers being cared for in government hospitals more than 10,000 are mentally sick," Col. Leslie said. "Possibly 25 per cent of these cases would have occurred regardless of a call to war service. The remaining 75 per cent, are the direct result of the late conflict."



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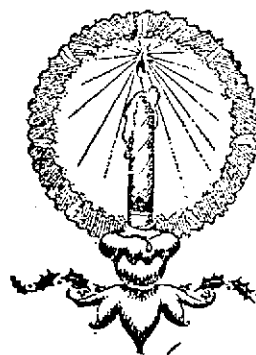
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WILDCATTING IS ACTIVE IN COAST AREA

Good showings in a wildcat well being drilled by the Bryan Production Company at Freeport, attracted attention to that part of the gulf coast during the past week. The well is located about 700 feet from the dome and cored 26 feet of oil sand around 3135 feet. Considerable gas could also be detected. Location is on the J. G. McNeel survey, and the well is called Hamm et al's Bryan No. 1. Freeport Sulphur company also is drilling a test a little further away from the dome, but nothing has been reported as to showings.

Brazoria county scored a producer in a workover at Damon Mound. Hamm et al's Bryan Estate 1, a workover, made 40 barrels from 1504 feet.

Tests on the salt domes discovered last month are progressing but nothing important has been reported from any of these wells. The Gulf company is drilling below 400 feet in its Moore No. 2, in Fort Bend county, and the Pathfinder Oil Company is making a location for another test east of Damon Mound.

The Gulf is rigging up to continue its Smith 1 at High Island, in Galveston county.

Oil No. 1, drilled by the Texas company in Liberty county, was abandoned in gumbo at 1553 feet. Fee No. 2 is to be located about one-half mile south of the abandoned well, but the location has not been checked.

In the old fields, activity for the week showed up above the average. Completions numbered 16, and of this number 14 were producers and two were failures.

Initial production reached 1947 barrels, but the total output of the entire coastal area slumped 825 barrels as compared with last week.

Big Creek, in Fort Bend county, showed a decrease of slightly more than 609 barrels as compared with last week. This drop is due to the fact that several wells have quit flowing. All these producers will be put on the pump immediately and within the next few weeks production of the field should begin to go back up.

A few fields were above their output of last week, but these were offset by noticeable decrease in others until the entire district output was lowered.

Goose Creek led off in the number of wells completed. Out of four completions, three were good for commercial production. The field's biggest well was the Gulf Production company's Hirsch-State No. 4, which made 109 barrels from 4400 feet. The same company got a 45-barrel pumper in Wright No. 6, from 1600 feet, and Stateland Producers No. 8 was good for 49 barrels from 1175 feet. The Humble Oil and Refining company worked over Jones-Stateland 5 and got a 45-barrel from 2552 feet.

Orange showed more initial production than any other district. In that field the Gulf company got the biggest well completed during the week in Kishi Lang No. 8. This well made 600 barrels from a sand at 5100 feet. This is one of the few wells completed at Orange from so great a depth. One or two other wells have been drilled deeper, but they came out as dry holes. Hager-Moore, worked over by the Gulf, made 175 barrels from 3520 feet. The Supreme Oil company also worked over its Jackson 4 and got 325 barrels of

production from 4280 feet.

Hull tied Orange in the number of completions, but the Hull wells were smaller than those at Orange. The Gulf company got two producers at Hull, with a combined production of 200 barrels. Scarborough No. 12 made 125 barrels from 3550 feet, and Phoenix Development company 38 showed 75 barrels from 2920 feet. The Texas company worked over Hogg 66 from 300 barrels at 3180.

Of the two wells reported from Big Creek, one was a dry hole. The Gulf company abandoned Wheat 8 when it showed salt water at 4280 feet. In the same field the Oil Production company's Ahlers 4 was completed for 42 barrels from 1910 feet.

At Batson the Gulf worked over its Wing 160 for 65 barrels at 1390 feet. The Ada Belle Oil company completed Wise 81 for 5 barrels at 1145 feet, and the Acorn Oil company abandoned its Paraffine 48 as dry, at 605 feet.

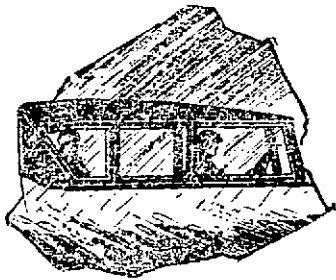
The Louisiana coastal area reported only two completions for the week, both of which were producers. At Vinton, the Vinton Petroleum company's Vincent 13, a worked over well, made 100 barrels from 2230 feet, and at Evangeline, the Gulf Refining company of Louisiana got a producer for 100 barrels in J. C. 25, also a workover.

At Lockport where the Vacuum Oil company brought in a producer, that opened a new coastal field, early in the fall, three wells are now being drilled. Bordages No. 1 is drilling below 3332 feet in lime and gumbo. Farquhar No. 1 is reaming at 2153 feet.

Gray No. 1, which was abandoned a short time ago at 5200 feet, is being worked over. When the well was originally drilled a small showing of sand was passed up at about 3126 feet. Attempts are being made to mill the casing at that depth and test the sand. A whipstock was dropped and the well sidetracked and a new hole drilled to 3127.

Late in the week the discovery well was making about 750 barrels of oil daily.

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"There was not room for him in the Inn" was the subject of a Christmas sermon delivered Sunday morning by Rev. W. B. Andrews at the First Methodist church. The sermon was one of the finest ever heard in the church on such an occasion, filled with the spirit of Christmas. The speaker urged that men and women of this country make room for Jesus to come in this Christmas and that the birthday of our Lord should be commemorated not with drunken orgies and debauchery but with the same good judgement, decorum and respect that such a birthday should inspire. On

account of the heating apparatus not having yet been adjusted properly, the night services were called off. The prayer meeting next Wednesday night was stressed.

At the conclusion of the service, the annual collection for the Orphanage at Waco was taken. It was expected to raise \$150,000 in the conference for the home Sunday when collections were taken in all Methodist churches of the Central Texas Conference, according to manager W. F. Barnett. The money is to be used in building two fireproof cottages at the home. These cottages will be two stories high, modern and up to now in every particular.

Manager Barnett Sunday reported the receipt of a half a car of vegetables and a half a car of hay from Sulphur Springs, and trans-

ported free of charge by the Cotton Belt. A car of kaffir corn has also been sent by the citizens of Clarendon.

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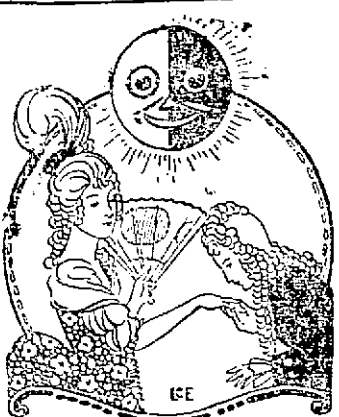
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Greatest Year In Baseball Was 1924

By HENRY L. FARRELL

NEW YORK, Dec. 20.—Just two days before the end of the season a nasty scandal broke out in the National League and stained what otherwise would have been baseball's most distinguished season. With that one exception baseball had its most interesting and most prosperous season in 1924.

The major league pennant races were not decided until the last week of the season and it was the closeness of the competition for the championship in the National League that caused two members of the New York Giants to stoop to an attempt at bribery to cinch the pennant.

The surprising Brooklyn Robins that had been turned from a second division club into a pennant contender by the brilliant pitching of the great Dazzy Vance chased the Giants to the ire. With only two games remaining on the schedule, the Giants had to win one game from the Phillies to cinch the championship.

Before the game, according to his confession, Jimmy O'Connell, substitute outfielder for the Giants, who had been purchased from the San Francisco Pacific Coast League club for \$75,000, approached Heinie Sand, the Philadelphia shortstop and offered him \$500 if he would not "bear down" in the game. "Bearing down," in baseball parlance, is to try hard.

Sand rejected the offer and told his manager, Art Fletcher what O'Connell had proposed to him. Fletcher notified John A. Heydler, president of the National League and Heydler in turn laid the case before Commissioner Landis.

The commissioner called O'Con-

nell on the carpet and the youngster confessed, saying that Cozy Dolan, coach of the team, had prompted him to do it and that Kelly, Frisch and Young knew what he had done. Landis declared O'Connell and Dolan ineligible and absolved Kelly, Frisch and Young from any connection with the attempted bribe.

Ban Johnson, president of the American League, said that there was more behind the case than had been made public and he demanded that the world's series be called off. Barney Dreyfuss, owner of the Pittsburgh Pirates, attacked the Giants as having been connected with other scandals in the past and said that the team should be disqualified and Brooklyn be declared the pennant winner.

Commissioner Landis refused to call off the series and it was played between the New York Giants and the Washington Senators. It was not the best played of all series, but it was the most interesting. Washington won the world's championship by taking the seventh game in the twelfth inning with the popular Walter Johnson in the box.

Johnson was expected to be the big hero of the series, but he failed to win his first two starts and he got the credit for winning the game only after he had gone in to pitch late in the game as a relief pitcher.

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ELECTRIC COMPANIES TO ABSORB M. S. PROJECT UNDERWOOD PLAN

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19.—An endless web of interlocking electric light companies, woven by the General Electric Company, will absorb the \$150,000,000 Muscle Shoals project if the Underwood bill passes, Senator Norris of Nebraska charged in the Senate today. He cited that companies he charged were controlled "by trust of the General Electric Company."

MEX MEETS MEX.

[By United Press] HOUSTON, Dec. 19.—Charley Longorio and Isabel Gomez, whose back doors adjoin, were washing their hands at the community hydrant recently. In the midst of this peaceful occupation, Isabel accused Charley of swiping the community soap. Whereupon Charles launched forth in a torrent of curse words and Isabel replied in kind. Neighbors called the police and each filed a charge of abusive language against the other.

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[By United Press]

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up the unbroken ones and returned to El Paso, his stock of Christmas "cheer" laid in.

NEW TONG WAR

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 19.—Police were patrolling Chinatown reinforced today to prevent a fresh outbreak of the Tong war between Hip Sing and On Leong's following the murder of one and wounding another. Four Chinese were arrested in connection with the shootings.

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BOLD BANDIT.

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich., Dec. 19.—An armed bandit held up a subur-

ban street car last night, forced the conductor to hand over \$12, then seated himself and ordered the crew to take him back to the city limits.

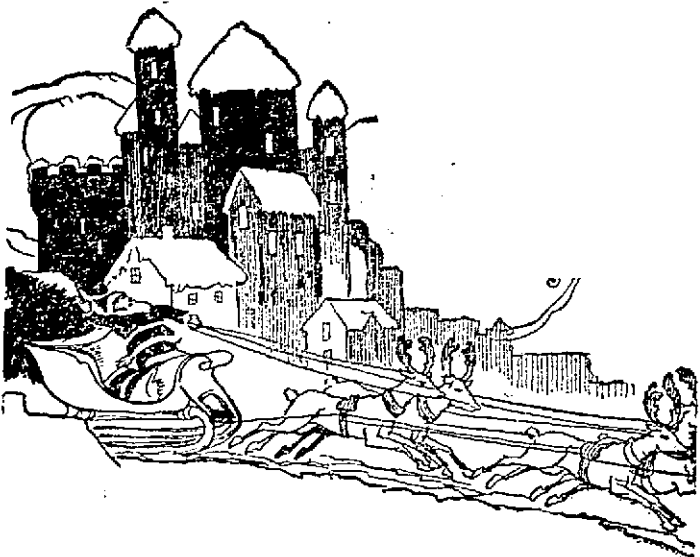
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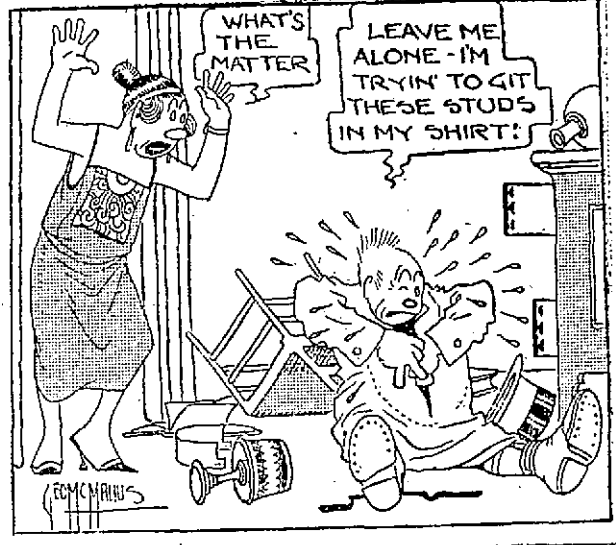
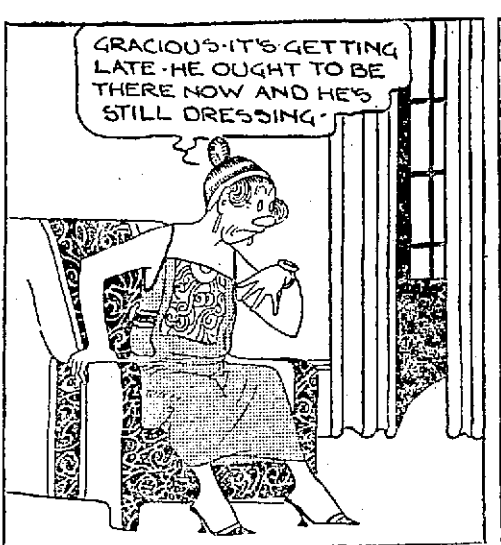
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FOR RENT—Bed room suitably for three men, 233 E. Tyler St., corner S. McKinney. 22X1

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No. 31 Dallas 1:30 p. m.
No. 15 Dallas-Ft.W. 3:31 p. m.
No. 33 Ennis 7:10 p. m.

South Bound.
No. 20 Houston 12:16 a. m.
No. 38 Austin-SA 12:21 a. m.
No. 18 Houston 1:37 a. m.
No. 34 From Ennis-Stp. 7:15 a. m.
No. 32 From Dallas-Stp. 10:08 a. m.
No. 16 Houston-SA 11:55 a. m.

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346 For Navasota-Lv. 7:00 a. m.

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Jazz And Movies Wrecking Home Life Says Judge

[By United Press]

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 22.—Jazz, movies and the general craving for excitement is battering cupid for a knockout and driving nuptial barks on the rocks.

That is the opinion of Judge Lewis of the Domestic Relations Branch of the Municipal Court.

"The marriage institution is under going some serious changes and old adages which people once quoted as infallible are entirely discredited today," Judge Lewis said.

"There are two good sources of trouble and both at the root have the same cause. It is the modern desire for excitement.

"People are not contented with the simpler pleasures of the home that satisfied nearly everyone a few years back. Many matrimonial troubles have arisen because the husband has advanced more rapidly than the wife, through his business, which took him out among people, while she remained at home.

"In other case the wife does not stay quietly at home. She also craves excitement and attends the movies regularly, cramming romantic fancies in her head which makes her discontented with the matter-of-fact routine of married life."

The divorce court is a real menace to family life, for in most cases where children are to be given in custody the family can not be treated in piecemeal fashion—it must be considered as a unit—according to Judge Lewis.

Marriage is a most human institution, one which must be protected and steered safely through troubled waters," he said. "Those troubled waters are not for the most part huge, dramatic typhoons, but little disturbances day after day until the husband or wife can bear it no longer and feels there must be a legal ending in the divorce court."

In ten years the Domestic Relations Court here has handled cases involving 52,553 families.

FORD ROADSTER BUCKS BUICK.

A Ford roadster struck the back end of a Texaco gasoline truck at

Mystery In Death Of Composer's Wife



MRS. DOROTHY STOTHART

Mrs. Dorothy Stothart, wife of Herbert Stothart, noted musical composer of New York City, is dead under mysterious circumstances, after swallowing what is believed to have been shoe polish by mistake.

Dear Santa Claus:

I am a little girl five years old, Santa please bring me a doll buggy and a rocking chair. Santa I am going to give some little poor girl something for Christmas. We are going to have a Christmas tree in my Sunday school class. I have already got one of my Christmas presents my sister gave me a set of dishes. With lots of love, Your little friend,

OLLIE HUGGINS.

the intersection of Commerce and McKinney streets about 4:45 Saturday afternoon, turning the truck completely around and demolishing the front of the Ford car. The truck was going South on McKinney and the roadster was going East on Commerce, considerable damage was done to the roadster but fortunately no one was badly hurt.

LETTERS TO SANTA CLAUS

Dear aSnta Claus:

I am a little boy five years old. I have been living in Dallas but have moved to Mexia, so please come to see me at Granddaddy Jackson's.

I want a pair of boxing gloves, football, punching bag, red wagon, tool box, and a recto set.

Please remember all the poor little girls and boys. Lovingly,

FELIX JACKSON, Jr.

Dear Santa Claus:

Please bring me a little coaster wagon, a little train, lots of fruit and nuts and candies. Your best friend,

A. C. MOORE, JR.

Dear Santa Claus:

Please bring me a kiddie car, lots of fruits, nuts and candy.

Your little friend,
HARRY LEE MOORE.

Dear Santa Claus:

I am a little, spoiled four year old girl, but pretty good at that. I have no brothers or sisters, so you can bring me lots of things, can't you? I want a bicycle, a doll or two, a table and set of dishes, a doll's trunk and the little electric cook stove in Cheeves Bros. show window. Your little girl,

IVA LUCILLE MAYFIELD.

Dear Santa Claus:

I am a little girl nine years old. I want to tell you what I want. I want a doll with hair, go to sleep, crys, wink, blink, walk and 49½ in. tall 13½ lb. and a real nice one. A pair of house slippers gloves, and don't forget my little sister, she wants a pretty doll, and anything else you want to, fruit, nuts, candy and five works. Don't forget other little girls and boys. With lots of love,

CHRISTENE TROTTER.

Dear Santa:

Please bring me a walking doll with real hair and pretty brown eyes, a little cedar chest for my doll clothes, some apples, oranges, and nuts if you please. Thanking you,

LOUISE ROBINSON.

Dear Santa:

I have been a real good boy this year and am not going to ask for very much, a little train, tricycle, drum, gun, thats all. Lots of love,

L. N. ROBINSON JR.

Dear Santa:

Please bring me a hobby horse, saxophone, story book, A. B. C. block, lots of apple, candy and nuts. I have been a real good little boy. I want a little pony, but Papa is going to get that. Lots of love.

L. N. ROBINSON JR.

Your little man,

EUGINI MONTGOMERY.

Dear Santa:

Please bring me a wicker doll buggy, doll and doll bed and any other toys you would like me to have. Don't forget all the other little boys and girls. Love,

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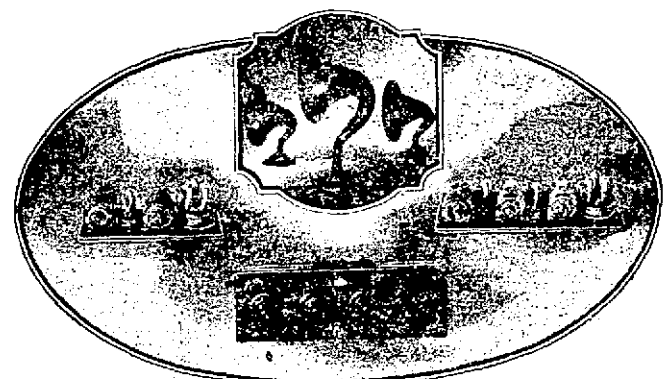
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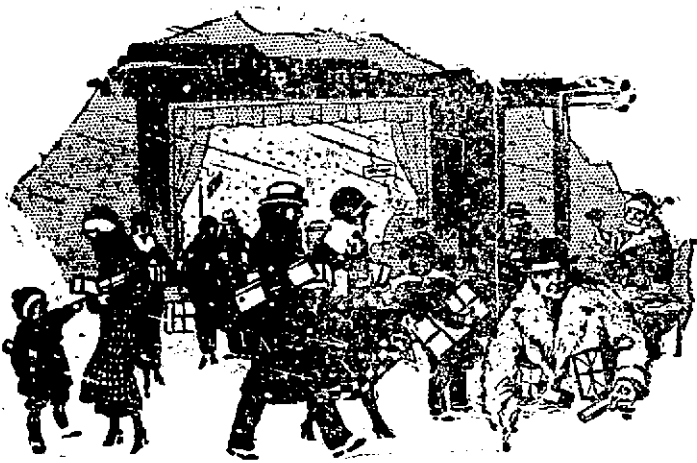
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